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SHREWD, CHEERFUL AND WISE MAN

Decision To Join India Right And Proper

HYDERABAD, Dec. 21 (PTI).

MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI, Governor-General, said here tonight that he was convinced that the decision of Hyderabad to become an integral part of the Indian Republic was the result of the Nizam's "ripe and well-considered independent judgment."

The Governor-General was replying to a speech by the Nizam welcoming him to Hyderabad at a State banquet.

Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "Hyderabad State has a shrewd, cheerful, optimistic and wise person as constitutional head, as wise and shrewd as any of the constitutional heads of the Provinces of India. He is detached in his outlook.

"Any impression that he is doing anything for his own personal advantage is a complete mistake. His only concern is that the State that had preserved its integrated individuality and held together during three centuries, should continue to be an undisintegrated unit and have an honoured place in the new Republic and that the people should be happy. This is a legitimate desire in one who represents the dynasty which founded the State during times of great difficulty and storm."

"Clannishness and intrigue will postpone the fulfilment of the aim of democracy. My Government are, I believe, wise in going somewhat slow and seeking to put all the services in good order before putting democracy in full charge. I am very glad leaders and people in general appreciate the wisdom of this policy and are not impatient. Those who have been now appointed Ministers know exactly why they are there for a temporary and preparatory purpose."

NIZAM HAPPY

The Nizam said that this was the first occasion when "the Governor-General of free India has honoured us with his visit."

"I am happy to think," the Nizam said, "that we are now constitutionally an integral part of free India. The new Indian constitution will be brought into force early next year and its provisions will apply to this State. I feel confident that, in the wider field of national endeavour created by this integration, the people of this State will play a worthy part in the service of the new Republic."

The Nizam said that he was thankful to the Government of India for the "speedy restoration of law and order in the State through the agency of the Military Government over which Major-General J. N. Chaudhuri presided with such ability." He added that the new Chief Minister, Mr. Vellodi, will have his fullest support and co-operation.

FREEDOM FOR INDONESIA

Dutch Bill Passed

THE HAGUE, Dec. 21

THE First Chamber of the Dutch States General (Parliament) today approved the Bill for Transfer of Sovereignty to Indonesia by 34 votes to 15, giving the Government the two-thirds of the votes of members present, necessary for the passage.

Already passed by the Second Chamber by 71 votes to 29, the measure will now go to Queen Juliana for ratification in readiness for the actual handing over of sovereignty to the Indonesians on December 27. The voting in the First Chamber followed very closely that of the Second Chamber, with the Catholic Party, the Labour Party and the Party of Freedom supporting the Bill.

Of the 50 members of the Chamber, 49 were present. Those voting for the Bill were: all members of the Catholic Peoples Party (17), all the Labour Party (14), all the Party of Freedom and Democracy (3).

Those voting against it were: All members of the Christian-Historical Union (Five): All of the Anti-Revolutionary Party (six—one member, Mr. De Wilde was absent owing to illness), and all Communist Party (four).

JULIANA SIGNS BILL

Juliana today signed the Bill transferring sovereignty to Indonesia, after it had been passed by the First Chamber of Parliament by 34 votes to 15.

This was the last step in legalising the actual transfer at a special ceremony in Amsterdam next Tuesday, when Indonesian Premier Mohammed Hatta will accept the transfer on behalf of the United States of Indonesia.

Nehru For Sevagram

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (UPI): The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, is leaving by air for Nagpur on December 31, from where he would motor to Sevagram to meet the delegates to the World Pacifist Conference.

Sugar Workers To Strike

LUCKNOW, Dec. 21, (UPI): The Indian Sugar Mills Workers Federation, affiliated to the I.N.T.U.C., served a notice today for a general strike from January 16, in 53 out of 82 sugar mills in the U.P. and 13 out of 29 mills in Bihar.

Textile Strike Averted

LUCKNOW, Dec. 21, (UPI): The threat of a general strike in Kanpur Textile Mills has been averted as a result of Labour Minister Mr. Sampurnanand's appeal.

The mills which had declared a lock-out are opening on December 24.

K M T BOMBS A SHIP

Heavy Casualties Feared

HONG KONG, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): The British-registered 563-ton Chinese-owned coastal vessel Winching has been bombed by Nationalist aircraft, according to an unconfirmed Chinese report here which said there were heavy casualties aboard. The report said the vessel was bombed near Swabue, Kwangtung, about 150 miles north-east of Hong Kong.

Civil aircraft today resumed flights from Hong Kong to Kunming, capital of Yunan, which the Nationalists recaptured two days ago from General Lu Han, the Governor, who earlier went over to the Communists.

Chinese reports state that heavy fighting is now raging near Sintang airfield, Chengtu, last link between the city and the rest of Nationalist China.

SAIGON: French authorities here today described as "blackmail and manoeuvres" all Chinese reports, whether Communist or Nationalist, suggesting that the French in Indo-China were helping the Chinese Nationalists.

BRITAIN BOUND TO HELP BURMA

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Stories about Burma's re-entry into the Commonwealth are not taken seriously here. It is inconceivable that Burma can contemplate such a step.

Britain, however, is bound to go to the help of Burma if she is attacked from any quarter. But Chinese Communists have no intention of entering Burma even while pursuing the fleeing Nationalist forces which, according to international practice, are being disarmed and interned by the Burma Government.

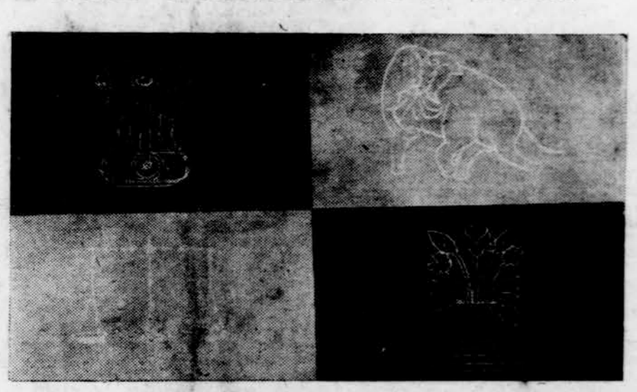
The Burmese Ambassador conferred with the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, on the eve of the latter's departure for India.

Our New Merchant Navy Flag

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (UPI): It is understood that ships registered in India will from January 26, 1950, fly a new merchant navy flag. The flag of a width two-thirds of its length, will be red in colour with the national flag of India superimposed in the left hand top quarter.

At present Indian ships fly the British red ensign whenever colours are required to be hoisted with the national flag in addition from the foremost head. In future only the new merchant navy flag will be flown.

THE PRESIDENT'S FLAG



The flag of the President of the Indian Republic which will go up the Government House dome on January 26, 1950 as gun-fire announces his assumption of office.

Divided into four rectangles of blue and red, the diagonally opposite ones being of the same colour, the Flag will show India's State crest, an elephant, a pair of scales and a lotus bowl. These figures will be drawn in gold, one each in the blue and red rectangles. The State crest showing the Asokan capital with the three lions as well as the motif of the lotus bowl are taken from Sarnath (1st century B.C.) while the elephant is from the Ajanta frescoes (5th century A.D.) and the pair of scales is from the Red Fort, Delhi (17th century A.D.). . The motif of the Asokan capital represents unity, equality and fraternity; that of the Ajanta elephant, patience and strength; the pair of scales, justice and economy; and the lotus bowl, (Pooran Ghat), prosperity and plenty.

INDIA'S NEW PLAN FOR ATOM CONTROL

Law Commission Must Draft Declaration

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 21, (PTI): SIR NARSING RAU, India's permanent delegate to the United Nations, has submitted a new proposal for international control of atomic energy and the outlawing of atomic weapons. The proposal is understood to have been before the atomic "Big Six" when they began secret talks here yesterday.

Sir Narsing Rau, who has taken deep interest in the question of atomic control since the Paris session of the General Assembly, had submitted a resolution to the fourth session here which was defeated by 24 votes to 15, with 18 absentions.

He had then suggested that the International Law Commission should be asked to draft a declaration on the duties of states in atomic matters.

The objection then raised against his resolution was that the international control of atomic energy was a political rather than a legal question.

General A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the six-power atomic group had since then requested Sir Narsing to submit a fresh proposal for study.

NEW PROPOSAL

His "modified proposal" again centres on the International Law Commission which, he suggests, "as a basis of discussion by the six powers", should draft an atomic declaration on the following lines:

"(A). The development and use of atomic energy having now become a matter of international concern, it is the duty of every state to submit to and act in aid of an effective system of international control adequate to ensure the use of atomic energy only for peaceful purposes, and the elimination of atomic weapons from tect complying states against the haznational armaments as well as to prozards of violations and evasions.

"(B) No state or individual shall manufacture, possess or use atomic weapons.

"(C). No state or individual shall use atomic energy except for peaceful purposes. In ratifying or adhering to this declaration any state may make a reservation that Paragraphs (B) and (C), shall not apply to the state until the establishment of the international control system provided for in Paragraph (A) of the same article: provided that in no case shall any state use atomic weapons except in legitimate self-defence."

COMMISSIONS'S JOB

Sir Benegal Narsing Rau told the six-power group that the International Law Commission's draft declaration would seek to eliminate atomic weapons from national armaments and to limit the use of atomic energy to peace purposes. The Commission will submit the draft to the sponsoring powers for their consideration.

"If the above suggestion does not commend itself to the sponsoring powers" he continued "the sponsoring powers themselves could draft an appropriate declaration for adoption by the General Assembly."

He said that although there was disagreement among the big powers on how to make international atomic control "effective", there was agreement over the principle of atomic control and over the need for a ban on the use of atomic weapons.

BETTER AMENITIES FOR PASSENGERS

Rs. 3 Crores To Be Set Apart Every Year

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today passed a resolution moved by the Railway Minister Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, revising the Convention relating to separation of railway from general finance.

For the next five years, according to the resolution, the railways will pay an annual dividend at the rate of four per cent on the capital invested on them.

A committee of the House will review the rate of dividend after these five years and suggest any adjustment considered necessary.

The depreciation fund is to receive a minimum contribution of Rs. 15 crores per annum.

Mr. Ayyangar assured the House that for the next five years the railways would set apart Rs. three crores every year for the betterment of passenger amenities. If this assurance was not implemented, the House could hold him or his successor responsible for negligence of duty.

The resolution was criticised by Pandit Hirdaynath Kunzru, who said that for the next five years, or until prices were stabilised, the present position of dividing the surplus every year between the railways and general revenues on an 'ad hoc' basis, should continue.

Discussion on the Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy's Bill seeking to enable the Government to charge a fee for import applications had not concluded when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

Speaker Mavlankar announced that from today, the House would sit one hour extra.

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CALCUTTA SUBURB EXPLOSION

Four Persons Injured

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Four persons were injured, one seriously, in an explosion in an electrical works factory in the north-eastern suburb of Calcutta, today.

All the injured persons have been admitted to hospital.

The explosion occurred while the workers were handling scrap iron of disposal stock. A bomb-like thing suddenly went off.

TURN TO GOD AND KEEP FULLY ARMED

The Truman Formula For "Eternal" Peace

WASHINGTON, December 21 (P.T.I-Reuter).

PRESIDENT Truman declared today that there would be eternal peace if the world turned to God. But he emphasized that the United States would remain armed until its "offer of friendship" had been accepted by the people of the totalitarian states.

"If we could mobilise world opinion among all men who walk the earth," he said, "there would never be another war."

"If man could achieve self-Government and friendship with his God throughout the world, peace would not tremble in the constant dread of war," Mr. Truman said, in a speech of dedication to the world war dead at Arlington National Cemetery here.

"Mankind is exhausted from the ordeal of conflict," he added. "All men are sick of blood-letting and hunger and weary of the troubles suffered for so many years."

The United States could not by itself mobilise world opinion. "There is no appeal to the brotherhood of men to live in daily fear of the concentration camp," he said.

"Until the captive peoples of the world emerge from darkness they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship. While they are made to respond to our handclasp with a mailed fist, we have no choice but to stand ready in self-defence.

GOD NOT ENOUGH

"Much as we prize peace and friendship, we prize freedom more. And much as we trust in God, while He is rejected by so many in the world, we must trust also in ourselves.

"In an age where peace must be protected, we must resort to our own strength to hold aggression at bay."

BARODA MAHARAJA'S EMPLOYEES' STRIKE

Gokhale And 14 Others Give Up Fast

BARODA, Dec. 21 (PTI): Mr. H. R. Gokhale, President of the Baroda Maharaja's Household Employees' Union, and 14 others who had been on hunger strike for the last ten days in the Central Jail here gave up their fast today. This followed the assurance given by workers that they would assume the responsibility for continuing the struggle till the household employees' strike succeeded in its objects.

A Cycle Report Denied

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A representative of the B.S.A. cycle manufacturers today denied the report that B.S.A. group was combining itself with two other British cycle companies, to manufacture cycles in India.

A report to that effect had recently appeared in the Indian press.

He also pointed out that there was no representative of the B.S.A. group at the meeting reported to have taken place at Delhi between cycle manufacturers and the Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies.

Russia Celebrates Stalin's Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS FROM FAR AND NEAR

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).

MARSHAL Josef Stalin is 70 today. Master of nearly one-fifth of the world for a crucial quarter century, the shoe-maker's son today received the greetings of tens of millions of Russians as "father of the workers" and "leader of peace".

Soviet Russians' own mammoth celebrations, planned for weeks, are matched by those of the East European People's democracies and a new important ally in the East—Communist China. Communist leaders and representatives from all over the world are gathered in the capital to pay homage.

His people's main birthday gift is a promise to break output records, but trainloads of presents worth millions of pounds—running from motor cars to silk stockings—have been rumbling through East Europe to the Kremlin for days.

A million portraits of Stalin have been issued, half a million copies of his biography printed and two million celebration placards distributed throughout Moscow and Russia's towns and villages.

DECORATION

Last night, the Supreme Soviet announced it had awarded Stalin Russia's highest decoration—the Order of Lenin. Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky had invited the heads of all embassies and missions in Moscow to a great birthday reception today.

Russian mountaineers have placed bronze busts of Stalin on 38 of the highest peaks in Central Asia, including the highest, Stalin Peak, 24,890 feet.

Several European delegations arrived in Moscow last night for the birthday celebrations. Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese People's Republic, is already here.

Despatches from Europe told of widespread celebrations last night and today, but in Yugoslavia Stalin's birthday was being ignored. Marshal Tito was celebrating instead Yugoslav army day.

STALINO

Highlights from other centres:

BULGARIA: The city of Varna, the country's biggest Black Sea port, has been renamed Stalino, Premier Vassil Kolarov praised Marshal Stalin and the Soviet Union at a birthday celebration at the National Opera House in Sofia last night.

HUNGARY: Budapest's finest avenue is to be named after the Russian leader, and a new statue of Stalin is to be erected in the city.

RUMANIA: An order of the Day to the army says the anniversary "offers a splendid opportunity to express admiration for the creator of the most advanced military sciences and theories." Workers were keeping "shifts of honour" to fulfil production targets.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Stalin's portrait is everywhere. Foundation stones of Stalin monuments were being unveiled in most main towns. New Silver coins bearing the Marshal's image, new Stalin stamps and new banknotes were being issued today.

CHINA: Street dancing and formal parades through Peking led the celebrations.

GERMANY: Under Den Linden, famous avenue in the Soviet sector, was a mass of red flags and banners greeting the Russian leader. The West German Communist Party sent a telegram of greetings to the Kremlin.

FRANCE: Communist Party organ "l'Humanite" devoted several columns to the birthday celebrations including a 700-word "greetings card" signed by Communist leaders Maurice Thorez, Jacques Duclos, Andre Marty, Leon Mauvais and Marcel Cachin.

SWITZERLAND: M. Leon Nicole, veteran leader of the Swiss Communist Party, sent a message of congratulations.

UNITED STATES: The Soviet Embassy in Washington was holding a small informal diplomatic party.

BRITAIN: Mr. Clement Attlee sent birthday greetings to Stalin through the British Ambassador in Moscow. The message said: "Permit me tender to you my greetings and congratulations on the 70th anniversary of your birthday and my best wishes for your continued good health. Signed C. R. Attlee."

WORKERS MEET HERE

BOMBAY: Marshal Stalin's birthday was celebrated here at a meeting at the Kamgar Maidan today. Mr. P. B. Kankule presided. The meeting was attended by about 1,000 workers.

Messages of greeting were sent by the Central Office of the Communist Party of India, the All-India Trade Union Congress, the Friends of the Soviet Union, the All-India People's

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Stalin Peace Prizes

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter). MOSCOW RADIO announced last night that five to ten world peace prizes will be awarded each year on Marshal Stalin's birthday. The prizes will be offered to citizens of all countries, irrespective of political, religious or racial distinctions.

They will consist of a diploma of the laureate of the International Stalin Prize, a gold medal with a picture of Stalin and a cash award of 100,000 roubles.

Trade Balance Turns Around

EXPORTS HIT A NEW HIGH

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (UPI).—India's exports reached a new peak figure of Rs. 51.06 crores, in November, according to the preliminary figures which were available here today.

These figures show that imports in November were of the value of Rs. 42.46 crores against exports of Rs. 51.06 crores, resulting in a favourable balance of trade of the order of Rs. 8.6 crores.

The export figure of Rs. 51 crores is believed to be a new high for any month in recent years. Taking 1948 and 1949, the previous highest export figure was nearly Rs. 43 crores in March, 1949. Increases both in quantity and value are reported to have been recorded in all major exports from India.

Revised figures for India's adverse balance of trade in October, which was earlier reported to be of the order of Rs. 22.12 crores, now show that the adverse balance was only Rs. 7.80 crores. Apparently the first estimate in which imports were shown as Rs. 57.38 crores included food imports of the order of Rs. 14 crores which actually related to much earlier arrivals.

BELGIUM'S LACK OF UNDERSTANDING

Ghulam Mohammed On UNCIP Report

SRINAGAR, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.): Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed, acting Premier of Jammu and Kashmir State, commenting on the third interim report of the United Nations Kashmir Commission, expressed "strong feelings of dissatisfaction" with the "undue weigh" given by the Belgian delegation to Pakistan Government's objections to Kashmir's representation in the Indian Constituent Assembly.

In an interview today, Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed said that Kashmir would have been denied her legal right if she had not been permitted to participate in the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly in Delhi.

"The Belgian delegation by supporting Pakistan's protest has shown utter lack of understanding of the entire background of the Kashmir problem and failed to grasp the true import of a perfectly legal and constitutional step in the light of complete accession of Kashmir to the Indian Union."

McNaughton Confers With UNCIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): General McNaughton, (Canada), President of the United Nations Security Council, continuing private talks on the Kashmir question here, held a meeting behind closed doors today with members of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan.

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3. Total number is likely to be increased depending upon the suitability of the pumping sets offered.
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Tender documents will be issued on and after **14th January 1950.**

Tenders will be received by 1500 hours on 31st January, 1950. (6682)

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TENDER NOTICE.

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No tenderer shall quote for both the divisions.

The tenders will be received in the Office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Head Offices, Fort, Bombay on Wednesday the 4th January 1950 not later than 1 P.M. (B.T.).

Forms of tenders, specifications etc. will be issued on payment of Rupee One for each copy to any one deputed to receive them, by the Deputy City Engineer (Works Branch) who will on application give any further information that may be required.

The rates should be quoted exclusive of Sales Tax.

Forms of tenders etc. will not be supplied by Post.

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The MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.
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Dated, 17th December, 1949. (6678)

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BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Donors and Subscribers of the Bombay Native Dispensary will be held on THURSDAY the 22nd December 1949 at 5 p.m. (S. T.) at Petit Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, (4th floor) to transact the following:

1. To receive and adopt the audited Balance Sheet and Report of the Managing Committee for the years 1947 and 1948.
2. To appoint a Member in the Managing Committee in place of Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, Baronet, who retires by rotation but is eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint two Honorary Auditors for the years 1949 and 1950.

By Order of the
Managing Committee,
JEHANGIR R. M. MASTER,
Secretary. (6628)

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE NO. 57.

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(3) "Vety|M|4|1 for supply of Dairy Appliances."
(4) "Irr|H|5|4 for supply of Bolts, Nuts and Rivets."
(5) "PHD|H|4|77 for supply of 110 Nos. Two way Gas Taps with lever handles etc."
(6) "PHD|H|4|74 for supply of 60 Nos. Water Taps with Swan neck etc."

will be received by the Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab, Kalka upto 2-0 P.M. on the 5th January, 1950.

Tender forms and other details which are non-transferable may be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 3|- each of the above superscribed tenders in cash or by money order which money is not refundable. The tender must be accompanied by earnest money of Rs. 200|- in each case. The earnest money may be deposited in Government Treasury, Post Office Saving Bank or any scheduled bank or National Savings Certificates pledged to the Assistant Stores Purchase Officer East Punjab and deposit receipt| pass book attached to each tender. Cheques or cash will not be accepted.

Tenders should be addressed to the Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab, Kalka by designation and not by name. The tenders will be opened at 3-00 P.M. on the same day in the presence of such tenderers or duly authorised representatives thereof as may care to attend.

Rates will hold good upto 16th February, 1950.

Samples are wanted for items 1, 3 and 4 and these must be properly labelled, sealed, signed and sent so as to reach this office before or by the time of opening tenders.

Non-receipt of samples or other departure from any condition of the tender may disqualify the tender.

The tender is for supplies to be made in on lot for all items except No. 1 which will be on annual rate contract for supplies to be made on required basis to the various East Punjab Government Departments.

STORES PURCHASE OFFICER,
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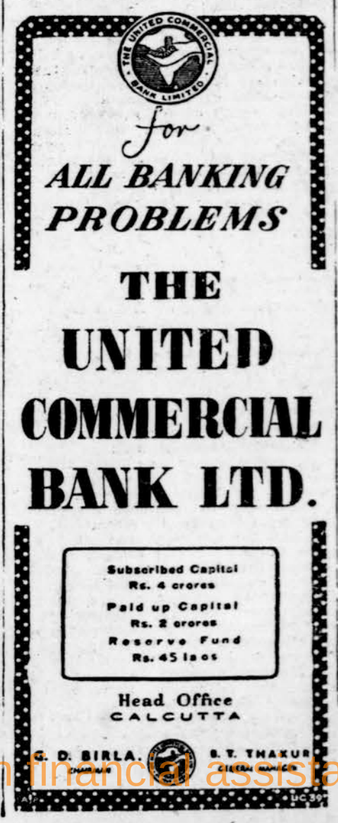
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CHRISTMAS ROUND THE WORLD • LEGENDS ABOUT SANTA CLAUS

By Richard M. Barr

ASK the average Christian what country first comes to mind when you speak to the origin of Christmas customs, and he'll most likely say Germany.

Christmas this year will be the happiest the Germans have celebrated since 1939. Certainly in the new West German Republic, old customs and old traditions have been revived, so that once again there's a semblance of pre-war German "gemutlicheit," or good living.

Christmas begins in Germany with the first Sunday in December. On that day homes are decorated with branches of fir. Lighted candles appear in the windows. A large wreath is placed placed on the dining table, surrounding four candles. Every Sunday night one of the candles is lit, so that on Holy Night all four of

the tapers join in lighting the room. On the first Sunday of the twelfth month, the first Christmas cookies are eaten. And on that day also, the grown-ups and the children begin preparing their Christmas presents.

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'CHRISTMAS MAN'

On the night of that first Sunday, the Christmas Man comes after the children are asleep. He collects their letters requesting gifts.

Among poorer families, the children generally ask that the Christmas Man fix a broken toy or repair a damaged doll. The Christmas Man has never failed as Mr. Fix-it.

On the second Sunday in December come the first Christmas gifts of the season. That night, before the children go to bed, they carefully leave a shoe in front of their door or window. Then, after they've drifted off to sleep Santa Claus and his helper (usually an angel from Heaven) drop by and fill the shoe with nuts and candy and apples.

The belief in Santa Claus or St. Nicholas as a giver of Christmas presents comes from an old German legend. St. Nicholas learned of three young girls who though beautiful had no suitors because their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry. So one night, the good Saint filled three bags with gold. Then he crept out to the house of the three girls and threw the bags into the windows of their bedroom. Soon after, they were happily married. And ever since then, unexpected gifts are said to come from St. Nicholas—or Santa Claus.

DOWN THE CHIMNEY

But the story that Santa comes down the chimney originated with the Norsemen. Their legend is that at the winter solstice the goddess Hertha appears in the fireplace and brings with her happiness and goods fortune. The good fortune is sometimes in the form of a roly poly, bewhiskered old gentleman who comes down the chimney to meet her.

Sometimes, in Germany, Santa Claus will appear on the afternoon of the second Sunday, instead of waiting for night. Then, all the little children of the neighbourhood gather at a friend's house for a party, where Santa distributes his gifts.

Peculiarly, old Santa seems to know all of those present. He calls them by name, he knows who the good boys and girls are, and he also knows the girls and boys have been unruly during the year.

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SANTA A PRIEST

In different parts of Germany, Santa Claus appears in various costumes. In most parts, however, he's an old man, with a long white beard. Frequently, he wears a long red coat and a big red hat with white fur on it.

In the more religious areas of pre-war Germany, such as Southern Bavaria, he dressed as a priest, wearing the robe of Catholic churchmen. He was usually accompanied, then, by the older girls of the neighbourhood, who dressed as angels. In the poorer sections of Eastern Bavaria, he was just an ordinary wood-chopper. In Northern Germany, up near the Baltic Sea, he appeared as a fisherman.

Finally, according to tradition there comes the big Christmas event in Germany — celebration of Holy Night, or Christmas Eve. All decorations must be renewed during the day, and every house has a fir tree. Even the humblest home in Germany that day has its Christmas tree.

ROUND THE TREE

First mention of a Christmas tree in Germany was in 1605, when one was set up in Strassourg. There's a tradition, though, that Martin Luther, in the previous century, took an evergreen tree home to his children and decorated it for Christmas—thus beginning the custom.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, the whole family in Germany goes to special church services, to prepare for Holy Night festivities.

On returning home, the children gather 'round the tree, where Santa Claus has left their gifts while they were in church. Under the tree also, spread in wondrous glory, they find the Holy Family, together with The Three Kings and the shepherd tending his flock. Sometimes, these are plastic figurines, sometimes ordinary dolls.

After the gifts have been distributed, the family gathers around the tree holding hands. Then they sing the old familiar tune:

"Stille nacht, Heilige nacht, alles ruht...." which we know as "Silent Night".

TOMORROW: Christmas in the Scandinavian countries.

EVERYTHING TO HELP INDUSTRIES

A Minister's Assurance

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Development, said today that he saw no ground for pessimism in tackling the serious problems in the economic and financial spheres.

The Minister who was addressing the second quarterly meeting of the Association of Indian Industries gave an assurance that the Government would endeavour to do everything possible to promote the well-being and growth of the industries in the province.

He referred to the problems of power supply in the province and said that the Government's plans might receive a set-back owing to devaluation and consequent increase in prices of plant imported from the hard currency areas.

The Minister hoped that necessary legislation would be passed soon for the establishment of a provincial industrial credit corporation.

DEVICE FOR FARMERS

Orissa Governor Announces Reward

CUTTACK, Dec. 21: His Excellency the Governor of Orissa has announced a reward of Rs. 1000/- to any one who can plan the best and cheapest labour-saving device which can be useful to farmers in Orissa in any kind of agricultural operation, e.g., irrigation, ploughing, sowing, weeding, harvesting, threshing etc.

It should be simple and capable of being manufactured from materials easily available in any part of Orissa preferably by local artisans and its repairs should likewise be simple.

Economy, simplicity, easy availability of materials PLUS efficiency shall be the important criteria in judging the merit of the design. The designs should be submitted to the Secretary to the Governor by February 15, 1950.

KANPUR WEDDING

KANPUR (By Mail): Before a thousand guests among whom were the Premier of the United Provinces Mr. Govind Vallabh Pant, the Deputy Minister for External Affairs Dr. Keskar, the Education Minister of the U.P Babu Sampurnand, Lala Lakshmipat Singhania celebrated recently the marriage of his daughter Kumari Durgavati (niece of Sir Padmapat Singhani) with Shri Premchand, son of Shri Shriyanprasad Jain of Bombay.

The bride and groom received many congratulatory messages, among others from the Governor General the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and many provincial Governors.

The marriage unites two famous industrial houses in India viz. the Singhanias of Kanpur and the Jain family of Bombay.

Thirty Die Of Cholera

BOMBAY'S HEALTH REPORT

Cholera was responsible for 30 deaths, small-pox 24 and plague 14 in Bombay Province, during the week ended December 10 last. Poliomyelitis and cerebro spinal fever each took a toll of one life, during the period. Anti-epidemic measures are in progress in all the affected areas.

The following is the health condition report of the Province for the week:

CHOLERA: Cholera figures were 56 cases and 30 deaths as against 47-25 reported in the previous week and 80-34 revised. Figures by districts were Sholapur 26-15 as against 23-15 reported and 46-24 revised, Surat 13-8 as against nil, Satara South 11-4 as against 14-5 reported and 24-5 revised, Kolaba 3-3 as against 1-1 and Bijapur 3-2 as against 9-4.

SMALLPOX: Smallpox figures were 73 cases and 24 deaths against 90-16 reported in the previous week and 146-27 revised. Figures by districts were Ahmednagar 29-7, Dharwar 16-6, Sholapur 3-1, Kolaba 3-0, Poona 2-3, Nasik 2-1, Satara South and Kolhapur 2-0 each, West Khandesh 1-0 and Bombay City 13-6.

PLAGUE: Plague figures were 28 cases and 14 deaths as against 41-10 reported in the previous week and 46-11 revised. Figures by districts were Poona 9-6 as against 3-1, Ahmednagar 9-4 as against 14-1 reported and 15-1 revised, Sholapur 7-3 as against 13-2 reported and 17-3 revised, Satara North 2-1 as against 9-6 and West Khandesh 1-0 as against 1-0.

FOOD ADULTERATION ACT: During the week, 86 cases were filed under the Food Adulteration Act. Of the 100 cases, including some filed in the previous weeks, in which convictions were obtained, 80 were of milk, seven each of cocoanut oil and butter and two each of coffee, ghee and other foodstuffs. A fine of Rs. 11,155 was recovered.

POLIOMYELITIS: Three cases and one death due to Poliomyelitis reported in the Province were from Bombay City 2-1 and Nadiad Town 1-0.

CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER: Two cases and on death due to cerebro spinal fever reported during the week were from Ahmedabad City 1-1 and Bombay City 1-0.

Scheme For Improved Sheep Farming

PATNA, December 20, (PTI): A scheme for the improvement of sheep farming has been launched in the Bihar province by the provincial Government. The scheme is estimated to cost Rupees two lakhs and thirty-four thousand, till March 1952.

An experiment on improved shearing and dipping is being carried out at Dehri-on-Sone in the Sasaram subdivision about 110 miles from Patna.

VILLAGE WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS

First Of Its Kind

BOMBAY, Wednesday

A village workers' training class, the first of its kind in Dangs district, was recently held at Rambhas a village about five miles from Waghai. Rambhas was selected as a venue of the class on request from the local cultivators and the inhabitants of the surrounding villages. The villagers built, on their own initiative and with little guidance, model camp to house workers and those who attended the class.

The class was inaugurated by Mr. G. D. Tapase Minister for Rehabilitation, Backward Classes and Fisheries, Government of Bombay, when a large gathering of cultivators from about 50 villages all over the Dangs district was present. The Minister stressed the need for growing more food and exhorted everyone to be self-sufficient in food.

Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Parliamentary Secretary, advised cultivators to take up jungle coupes for themselves on a co-operative basis.

Practical demonstrations of ploughing by the improved iron plough, the control of pest by dusting and spraying, bunding and terracing etc., were given at the class. Lectures were also given on various subjects like education public health, vegetable growing, compost pits, improved-seed, manures and lift irrigation.

The Class was organised by the District Rural Development Board with assistance of the district officers of the Agricultural, Revenue and other Government departments.

Police Fight Dacoits For 4 Hours: 1 Dead

AGRA, Dec. 21 (U.P.I.): One dacoit was killed and one captured with one double barrel gun and cartridges as a result of an encounter, lasting for four hours, between the combined police force of Madhya Bharat, Dholpur, and the Provincial Armed Constabulary United Provinces on one side and the members of the gang of Man Singh, a famous dacoit of Madhya Bharat, on the other side, says a report received here from Raacheda, a border village of this dist.

It is stated that while the combined police force was searching for the gang, they come face to face with the dacoits. Both the parties opened fire, with the above result.

Sanskrit Drama At Matunga

Sr. Krishna Sabha, Matunga, is staging a Sanskrit Drama "Sri Sankalpa Suryodaya" written by Sri Vendanta Desika, a scholar of the thirteenth century at the Podar College Hall, on Saturday.

This Sanskrit drama has been enacted a few timese in the province of Madras, but it is probably the first time it is being enacted in Bombay.

Bombay's Premier Mr. B. G. Kher Sir S. Varadachariar retired Judge, Federal Court, New Delhi and Mr. D. M. Dahanukar will be present at the performance.

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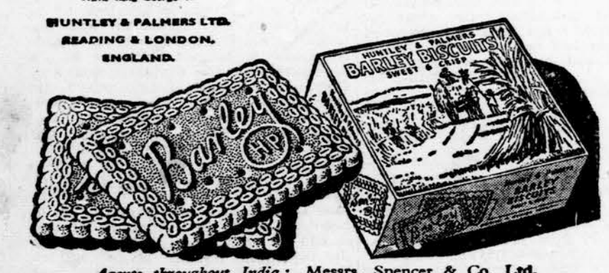

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Today's Engagements

EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF INDIA: Seventeenth annual meeting at Bombay House, 5-30 p.m.

MR. M. N. ROY'S LECTURE on World Crises and the Need for a New Approach at Convocation Hall, 6 p.m.

PRAVRITI SANGH: Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan will speak on 'Sports in India—Present and Future' at Blavatsky Lodge, 6-30 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Dr. Navinkumar Dalal will speak Germany and the European Recovery Programme at Greens Hotel, 6-30 p.m.

MEETING OF DEVOTEES of His Holiness Shree Sadguru Siddharudha Swamiji of Hubli on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Mr. Anandrao B. P. Shetty's residence, (3rd Floor, Raja Bahadur Bansilal Motilal Mansion, near Opera House T. T.).

FATHER'S COMPLAINT AGAINST PRIESTS

Mr. Odharam Bulchand, a Sindhi resident of Bombay, in a letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University has brought to his attention a copy of the letter addressed by him to the Prime Minister of Bombay, along with the enclosure consisting of the correspondence passed between him and the Right Rev. Dr. V. Gracias, Bishop Auxiliary of Bombay.

In brief his complaint is against the Spanish Fathers of the St. Xaviers High School and St. Xaviers College. He has requested the Vice-Chancellor, pending a report from the principals of the school and the college, to issue instructions that all the arrangements for the baptism of his son Mulchand Odharam be suspended.

The Vice-Chancellor, acknowledging the receipt of the above letter states that as the letter refers to "very serious matters, he was going to place it before the Syndicate for such action as they may deem proper. At present, the letter added he was only acknowledging the letter.

On a charge of possessing 72 tolas of imported opium and attempting to dispose them of in Satara city, Ibrahim Allimohmed Kacchi, of Bombay, was convicted by the City Magistrate of Satara and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for six months and a fine of Rs. 1,000, or in default rigorous imprisonment for two months more.

CITY POLICE CANE CHARGE STUDENTS

Red-Inspired Demonstration Before Corporation

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

About a hundred students of school-going age, led by some women volunteers, and bearing what appeared to be Communist-inspired placards staged a demonstration in the portico of the Muncipal Corporation Building at noon today. Their rather unruly behaviour obliged the police to resort to a mild cane-charge as a result of which three tender-aged girls received minor injuries. Three student leaders were placed under arrest and escorted to the Esplanade Police Station nearby, where they were detained.

It is learnt that the demonstration was with a view to voicing the grievances of the students attending municipal schools, particularly with regard to the increase in their fees as recently effected by the Municipal Schools Committee. The portico of the Munivenue of the demonstration, because a meeting of the Schools Committee was being held on the first floor of the building at the identical hour.

For nearly half an hour the demonstrators had a full run of the small portico. The Mayor of Bombay, Mr. S. K. Patil appeared to be the main target of the demonstrators' attack, for they invariably shouted slogans challenging him to "come out" and calling upon him to quit the Mayoral chair. The other slogans raised by the demonstrators were, "Down with Government's reactionary educational policy", "Reduce the fees or get out" and "Students Unity Zindabad".

The girl volunteers shouted themselves hoarse challenging the Mayor again and again and declaring that the government was a government of "Tatas and Birlas".

After nearly twenty minutes the police appeared on the scene an pursuaded the demonstrators to disperse. They however would not listen and instead began shouting slogans with greater vehemence. Some of the girls went so far as to pat the officers on the back and crack jokes at them. This brought a large crowd on the spot. Finding that the situation was getting out of control the sleuths snatched awaf the playcards from the hands of some of the demonstrators. Then began a mild cave charge following which the demonstrators ran helter-skelternot seriously The demonstrators still continued shouting near the statue of the late Sir Pherozeshaw Mehta. The police at last arrested three student leaders and escorted them to the Esplanade Police Station.

The demonstrators hen dispersed. The gates of the Municipal Building and the Esplanade Police Court were closely guarded by armed police.

Stamp Duty Remission For Displaced Persons

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Government of Bombay has directed that the stamp duty chargeable, under the Indian Stamp Act, on the instruments executed in connection with the business of the Rehabilitation Finance Administration in the former Baroda areas should be remitted, with effect from July 30, 1949 and in other merged areas, with effect from June 8, 1949. A similar concession in respect of the rest of the Province has already been given, with effect from June 1, 1948.

ISOLATED SHOWERS IN ASSAM

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.): The following is the weather summary for Wednesday.

Weather has been dry over the country except for isolated showers in Upper Assam.

Night temperatures were appreciably below normal in East Rajputana, the East Punjab, the West United Provinces, Vindhya Pradesh and sub-Himalayan West Bengal.

Forecast valid until Thursday evening: Weather will be mainly dry over the country.

No appreciable change in night temperatures is expected.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from December 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. I.S.T. on December 21, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 86 59 0 0 0; Akola 89 51 0 0 minus 0.3; Aurangabad 88 53 0 0 minus 0.2; Bangalore 81 56 0 0 minus 0.3; Baroda 88 48 0 0 0; Bhopal 82 46 0 0 minus 0.2; Bhuj 82 54 0 0 minus 0.1; BOMBAY 85 64 0 0 0; Cherrapunji 55 40 0 minus 0.3; Cocanada 83 64 0 0.1 minus 0.5; Darjilling 45 32 0 0.4 plus 0.1; Gwalior 75 36 0 0 —; Gorakhpur 72 47 0 0 minus 0.1; Gulbarga 90 55 0 0 minus 0.7; Hanamkonda 89 60 0 minus 0.2; Hornai 85 72 0 0 —; Hyderabad (Dn.) 88 51 0 0 minus 0.2; Honavar 89 63 0 0 —; Indore 80 47 0 0 minus 0.2; Jaipur 77 43 0 0 minus 0.2; Jamshedpur 79 62 0 0 —; Jubbulpore 81 46 0 0 minus 0.3; Kodaikanal 65 49 0 0.1 minus 4.1; Kurnool 88 54 0 0 minus 0.2; Mahabaleshwar 79 62 0 0 minus 0.3; Mercara 80 62 0 0 minus 0.5; Mussoorie 54 35 0 0.4 minus 0.5; Mysore 84 58 0 0 minus 0.3; Ootacamund 72 40 0 0 minus 1.4; Pachmarhi 74 42 0 0 minus 0.3; Patiala 69 36 0 0.3 —; Poona 91 49 0 0 minus 0.1; Rajkot 85 52 0 0 minus 0.1; Shillong 60 36 0 0.1 0; Sholapur 98 56 0 0 minus 0.3; Simla 46 33 0 0.6 minus 0.3; Surat 91 56 0 0 0.

PHILIPPINE GIFT TO INDONESIA

National Hero's Ashes

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Lorenzo Bautista, President of Town Hall, Philippines and first Civic Envoy of the Philippines to the countries of South East Asia arrived at the Santa Cruz aerodrome today and was officially received by Hon. Salebhoy Abdul Kader, and Mr. P. R. Mulla Pheroze, Chairman, Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipality and Deputy Municipal Secretary respectively. The two officials represented the Mayor of Bombay who is, presently, absent from the city.

Mr. Bautista is on his way to Batavia to hand over to President Soekarno of the U. S. of Indonesia a gift of the people of the Philippines to the Indonesians on the occasion of the turning over of sovereignty from Holland to the Republican regime.

The gift which Mr. Bautista is taking with him to Batavia consists of an urn which contains the ashes of Dr. Jose Rizal, the national hero of the Philippines. His memory is revered by the present Indonesian leaders on account of his having laid down his life for the cause of Malayan freedom.

Dr. Rizal died before a Spanish firing squad at the age of 33, on December 30, 1896. Within the brief span of adult life, he achieved international fame in the fields of science, medicine, sculpture and the arts.

Historians concede to Dr. Rizal the honour of being the greatest man produced by the Malayan race. In Indonesian homes the portrait of Dr. Rizal is hung together with the portraits of other patriots.

Mr. Bautista is expected to reach Batavia before the inaugural ceremonies connected with the birth of the Indonasian Republic. The urn will be turned over to President Soekarno on December 30 the day Dr. Rizal was shot and also the day the entire Filipine nation each year, commemorate with fitgreat Malayan martyr.

Manila's Civil Liberties Union is the civic society of the Philippines that sponsored the project of transferring the ashes of Dr. Rizal from the land of his birth to the soil of Indonesia.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr B. K. Patel, Mr. R. G. Shinde and Revd. A. G. Bhatt. His Excellency accompanied by Mr. B. K. Patel visited the Matunga Labour Camp.

H. H. the Maharani Shantadevi Bai Saheb of Baroda, the Yuvraj of Baroda, Princess Mrinalini and Mrs. Ivor Jehu came to tea.

Mrs. A. G. Lewis has arrived.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh gave an Afternoon Party at Government House to meet the members of the two Test Match Teams.

Rani Maharaj Singh attended the Bombay Symphony Orchestral Society's Concert at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, where she was received by Mr. M. S. Noronha, the Vice-President.

The Pulse Of The City

TEARS? Citizens are informed by the Public Relations Officer, Rationing, that the sugar they will be getting from the ration shops is likely to be moist. This was obtained from the United Provinces from stocks allocated to the province. Though it is moist, this sugar is old; it is part of last year's production. Dry sugar will be reaching this province later this week.

GHOSTS: They are reported to have planned a coup in ghost ration cards, but they were caught thanks to the vigilance of the ACB who had prior information that a couple of people were trying to get ration cards on false declarations on non-existent individuals. A ration officer was promised a consideration if he passed the applications, but the police were informed of the deal. A trap was laid, and Ranchod and Karsan, the individuals who are alleged to have offered money were caught. They were bailed out. Wednesday.

BOOTLEG: Abdul Razak Esak and Abdul Majid Rahimbaksh were arrested Tuesday evening, when a raid carried out on their residence unearthed several bottles which had contained liquor, and Rs. 97 believed to be the day's proceeds of the sales of liquor. The accused were released on bail.

CHEATS: Producing three men—Ratanlal Nandalal Dave, Babulal Ambalal, and Tarmohamad Yusuf—police said that the three had systematically defrauded a number of city businessmen. Their practice was to order some goods and ask for its delivery at their address, and when the goods came either to give partial payment or a cheque (which was usually dishonoured). The goods were sold away as soon as possible and that was the last of the purchasers which the unwary merchant heard of. Police alleged that for this purpose they posed as businessmen giving names of their firms. When they were arrested in their room on the first floor of Tank Building, police said, a merchant whom the three had defrauded to the extent of Rs. 2,500 was present.

"PUGREE" Dattaram Ramkrishna Bandukar and Subedarsingh Mahadeo Singh were convicted, Wednesday, for attempting to take "pugree" for a room in Parel. The first accused promised to give his room to Ram Bhawoorao, a fitter, for Rs. 1,500. The police were informed and a trap was laid which led to the undoing of the two mentioned above.

BABY SHOW To boost their picture, "Yes, Sir, That is My Baby", shortly to be screened at the Eros, Universal Pictures held a baby show when three coveted trophies were given to Billi Sehti (24 lbs.) Christian Dhanasha Hudson (31 lbs.) Nita Bhandari (28 lbs.) Three eminent city lady doctors formed the panel of judges.

ARRESTED: For running a 'family mess' without authorisation from the Controller of Rationing, Babu Rama Kamat and Krishna N. Acharya were arrested by the Crime Branch Police. Sixty-two ration cards and 41 paylees of rice were seized by the police when they raided the mess at Bhandarkar Road, Matunga.

MOURNING HOLIDAY: As a mark respect to the memory of Mr. M. M. Killedar, who died recently in Karachi, the Municipal Schools Committee decided to close all the municipal schools in the city on December 26.

NOT GUILTY: Mr. Rustom D. Cooper, Chief Inspector of the Spot Audit Department was found "not guilty" and acquitted, Tuesday. The charge against him was that by rash and negligent driving he caused a grievous hurt to a pedestrian, who was the complainant in the case. Mr. Cooper's counsels contended that he was proceeding at a slow pace at the time of the accident and that it was the complainant himself who stopped on the right side abruptly, thereby coming in contact with the vehicle. This contention was accepted by the Trial Magistrate.

STRIKE FOR ADJUDICATION: About 150 workers of the Indian Vegetable Products Ltd. went on strike, Wednesday, demanding adjudication of their dispute.

REDS ARRESTED: Two prominent members of the Communist Party of India Romesh Sanghavi and D. P. Bhosle were arrested late Tuesday night by the Special Branch Bombay C.I.D. and detained under the Public Security Measures Act.

LUCKY: None, neither the driver nor the occupants were hurt when a double-deck tram car the brakes of which were reported to have failed, careered down Grant Road for more than a furlong and stopped after crashing into a hack victoria. The victoria which was dragged for a distance of about 50 yards was reduced to a wreck.

TODAY'S RADIO

THURSDAY, Nov. 22.

Air News From Delhi

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujerati—9-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada—7-45 a.m., Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 2 p.m., 7-15; Telugu—7 am., 1-50 p.m., 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme 7-45 Rama Patel's party, gartigeets, 8-15 A. H. Khan, desi, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 Rama Patel's party, geets 1-10 Geet Srushti, 1-40 Dance records, 4-20 School broadcast, 5-0 V. Patwardhan, multani, 5-20 P. Gani, dilruba 5-30 Children's ½ hour, 6-10 L. K. Kunte, clarionet, 6-20 R. Kogje, marwa 7-0 Day's topic, 7-10 Locals. 7-20 V. Patwardhan, puria, 7-45 For industrial workers, 8-30 "Ghar Agne" (G), 8-45 D. K. Mehta's feature on "Khare Aj Ant", 9-15 P. Ganu dilruba, 9-50 Film songs, 9-45 In parenthesis, by H. C. Jehangir 10-0 Wanda Antellint. 10-45 Darian String quartet.

VARIATIONS—8-0 P. Ganu. dilruba 8-45 Nalini Barve, bhavgeets. 1-0 p.m. Nalini Barve, bhavgeet, 1-30 Geet Srushti, 1-50 Women's programme, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 V. Patwardhan. hameer, 6-20 Calling rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 Nalini Barve, bhajan, 9-0 G. Heble, K songs 10-0 A. Husain, songs.

BARODA

7-30 Vandana, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 H. Hussain, khyal, 8-15 Music lessons. 8-30 Morning melodies. 5-30 p.m. N. Bhonsle, shahanai, 5-40 Mixed music, 6-10 Homdi lessons. 6-30 For rural workers 7-0 Variety, 7-15 N. Bhonsle, shahnai, 7-30 C. K. Bhagat's party, bhajans, 7-45 A. M. Rawal's G. talk on 'Apni Shoorveerta", 8-0 P. Mullick, 8-10 Locals. 8-30 Listeners' requests, 9-15 As in Ahmedabad, 9-30 H. Hussain, malkauns.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 As in Baroda, 8-30 M. P. Marwadi Jaunpuri, 5-30 As in Baroda, 6-10 Hondi lessons, 6-30 For industrial workers. 7-0 Master Mukund, ghazal, 7-15 As in Baroda, 7-30 Lest you forget, 7-45 A. M. Rawal's talk on "Apni Shoorveerta", 8-0 Violin, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 M. P. Marwadi, khyal yaman, 8-45 Master Mukund, geets, 9-15 B. P. Kothari's "Ek Hatha Prayoga", 9-30 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE: 6-45 a.m. From Bicker to Blue Anchor, 7 Hip-Hip Hoo-Roy. 7-30 Land and Livestock, 8 Alan Loveday (violin) 8-45 Music for Strings. 10 David Java and His Orchestra. 10-30 Wilfred Pickles in "Have A Go". 11 Sports Review. 11-45 United Nations Report. 12 Kathleen Long (piano). 12-45 p.m. Souvenirs of Muslic. 1-30 The Storyteller. 2 Tip-Top Tunes. 2-30 Merchant Navy Programme. 2-45 Symphony Orchestra 3-30 Public Opinion. 3-45 BBC Opera Orchestra. 5 Melody Mixture. 5-15 Generally Speaking. 5-45 Dance Music. 6 Books to Read. 6-45 Footlight Favourites 7-45 Music from Handel's Messiah. 8-45 Radio Rhythm Club 9-45 New Records. 10-30 Observation Post.

EASTERN SERVICE: 7-30 Tamilosai. 8 Radio Se Angrezi. 8-15 Sabras.

C. K. NAYUDU ON THE AIR

At 8-30 p. m. on Thursday, December 22, All India Radio, Bombay will broadcast an interview with Col C. K. Nayudu well-known Indian cricketer.

The industrial disputes between the B.E. Nicam and Company and the Ashwanikumar Bus Service, both of Surat, and their respective workers have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. I. G. Thakore.

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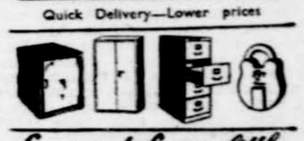

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THE CENSORSHIP SHIFTS

The decision to have a central censorship for films will be generally welcomed as less evil. The vagaries of provincialised censorship have been the cause of considerable bewilderment. To have one law throughout the Union is about the most sensible way of managing things, if we must have a censorship. It is an unfortunate necessity that any scheme of censorship has to be implemented by individuals who are subject to human frailties. A reading of the Bombay Government Gazette's periodic list of excisions and bans imposed by the Censorship Board is amusing if bewildering. One cannot understand the reason for some passages being cut, and, if one attends the movies fairly regularly, one begins to wonder why certain incidents are allowed. Nor are matters improved by the fact that sometimes some provinces are inclined to be liberal whilst others are rather straitlaced. There was one instance where Bombay (of all provinces) allowed a film that was stopped by five other provinces, and Bombay audiences were very much inclined to commend the action of the five. Centralisation ought to eliminate these vagaries, even though the same machinery of censoring will be made use. This is no mean achievement. But it is not by any means a guarantee of full improvement. The members of the Central Assembly objected that the provisions of the measure were too vague. This would not matter if the Government knew what its objective was. The trouble is that these institutions are created and allowed to develop as best they can, between the insistence of bureaucracy on the one hand and the ingenuity of the industry on the other. We are not thrilled at the news that an advisory committee is to be set up, attached to the Censor. There will, of course, be an adequate sprinkling of film magnates and producers who will give the appearance of the industry being consulted. And on the committee there will naturally be a few distinguished experts and dilettantes in arts and aesthetics to ensure the "authentic touch". Now that Censorship is being centralised, is it too much to expect that it will be worked out by individuals who have in mind the entertainment side of the film and nothing more? There have been learned disquisitions, even in the Parliament, on how the Indian film should be improved. That is a matter which should be left to be decided by the producer and his public. Inaccurate productions will in time fall of themselves, but there is nothing that Government can do in the way of active intervention in production. It is an unfortunate development that the authorities desire both to safeguard the public from deleterious influences in the cinema and at the same to improve the story presentation and accuracy of the film. This is attempting too much. Historical accuracy, taste and simplicity cannot be forced down the film industry. It has to grow by itself. And the failure of the provincialised censorship is largely to be ascribed to this. The Centre can begin well by avoiding these obvious mistakes. If a Censorship there must be, let it be one of which we need not be thoroughly ashamed. The taking over by the Centre affords an opportunity to overhaul the system and base it on a more sensible foundation.

Colonising Andamans

From the press note issued by the West Bengal Government the experiment of colonising the Andamans is bearing fruit. Due to the notoriety which the islands had won during the British regime, only a few refugee families accepted the invitation of the Refugees Rehabilitation Department in 1948. But the experience of the 187 families, who have stayed on there, should encourage more refugees to go there. Only 12 families returned as they were unsuited for agricultural work but the rest of the refugee-settlers have prospered. Hard work even during the rainy season has improved their health. No doubt the concessions given by the Government to the settlers have helped them to stand on their feet. Free passage, ten acres of land, free of revenue and liberal allowances for the first nine months for every member of the family, two buffaloes as plough cattle and a milk buffalo, grant of seed paddy, agricultural implements, free manure and tools, land and financial aid for the artisans and free building materials have gone a long way to help the refugees in their rehabilitation.

In addition to the plough cattle given free, the Government bore the cost of hiring plough cattle locally. As the islands are hilly and undulated, the refugees have to reclaim any more land they need from forest hills and slopes. The fact that they reclaimed 600 acres to the end of 1949 shows that the refugees are putting up a brave fight and from the results it can be seen that their efforts are bearing fruit. In the current year 1200 acres of cleared land, 15 miles from Port Blair, is available for settlement of displaced agriculturists. All that West Bengal needs is that the families who want to settle there have some kind of experience in agriculture. Ten acres of land is to be given per family and sufficient timber free of cost is to be provided for construction of houses. In addition to the help given by West Bengal, the Government of India will be giving to each family loans amounting to about to Rs. 2,500 for purchase of a pair of bullocks, constructing a house, buying implements, manure, utensils, reclaiming land and digging wells. We do not know whether refugees from our side will or can take advantage of the scheme. But there is enough fallow land in our province which can be reclaimed and cultivated. If given similar encouragement, many refugees may sincerely try to make a living on land instead of eating their bread in sorrow and living in frustration

Democracy's Bogey

Dr. Syed Abdul Latif told a meeting of the International Fellowship that the root evil of democracy was the franchise system which was not conducive to the right type of men being called upon to regulate the affairs of their State. He wanted all the well-informed, the talented and the God-fearing to be returned to the Councils of State. As a matter of fact, it is an illusion that these individuals are particularly gifted in statesmanship, or state-craft. Ever since the breath of democracy was wafted across the world, there has been this distrust of the people, the men and women whose votes have to be wooed and won. Richard Burton of the "Arabian Nights" fame remarked rather caustically that the first thing about democracy was its distrust of brains and genius. Nevertheless, it is really remarkable the way in which the right man comes into position in democratic countries. It is not economical in its approach to the right man. It often looks as though it has chosen the wrong person. But it is a process of trial and error which does not end in waste. The trouble all arises when people begin asking themselves how it is going to work, whether democracy is all right and how it can be improved. There are no short-cuts in politics and when experiments are indulged in, it often happens—invariably—that the very opposite of what is desired is achieved. The effort to put in all the well-informed, talented and God-fearing men into the Councils leads to driving them all out. Because someone has to decide who is well-informed, who talented and who God-fearing; and that someone is prejudiced, to begin with, in his own favour as he accepts his ability to judge others, and in favour of those who think like him. In a word, Fascism. There is no reason why well-informed men should not contribute to national life without being in Parliament, why talented fellows should not develop their talents to the greater good of the country and why the God-fearing should not find ample opportunity for the exercise of their virtue. Dr. Latif is an ingenious purveyor of panaceas but he would do well to devote his talents to making democracy work instead of to improving on Democracy.

Thought For The Day

I strove with none, for none was worth my strife; Nature I loved, and next to Nature, Art. I warmed my hands before the fire of life; It sinks, and I am ready to depart.

—W. S. LANDOR.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

BERLIN: Hitler has appeared on the Berlin stage for the first time in a revue called "I was Hitler's Moustache", staged in the American sector. There was no protest from any possible Nazis in the audience, when Hitler

1) appeared in his under-pants,
2) got drunk in a night-club, and
3) chewed the carpet.

—PTI-Reuter.

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Dr. Rajendra Prasad reminded young graduates at Lucknow that they were now standing at the door-step of their destiny and the unknown future.

The feeling is not new to graduates. They must have had the practice of standing in queues in front of cinemas, uncertain whether they would get their tickets or not.

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India has a great role to play in leading the world back to sanity and peace, said Mr. David Morse, Director-General of the ILO.

It is this duty which keeps many Indians going—at the present rate of rations.

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Mr. B. G. Kher does not take any meals on two days in a month, says a report.

"Ah! That explains a lot", says the man who was caught for taking a three-course dinner.

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Over 3,000 workers representing various industries in Baroda have resolved to go on a 24-hour fast to induce the President of Baroda Maharaja's Household Employees' Union and 14 others to give up their nine-day old hunger-strike.

It only remains for the patriotic citizens of Baroda to go on a fast to prevent the fast of the men fasting to prevent the fast....

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NOT SO CIVILISED SOUTH AFRICA

By D. Compton-James

THE TELEPHONE bell rang. I picked up the receiver. 'This is a well-wisher", came a quiet, cultured voice. "I thought it my duty to warn you that your life is in danger. Some of the Voortrekker boys are gunning for you and they mean business. If I were you I'd take a holiday for a week or two."

"Thank you," I replied politely, but the line was already dead.

The telephone rang again.

"You dirty swine," came a raucous voice. "This is an English-speaking Afrikaner. You're going to be horse-whipped. You're going to be tarred and feathered. You're going to get a lesson in Afrikaans that you'll never forget if you've got the courage to stay where you are for a day or so. And, believe me, you're going to need plenty or courage."

"Thank you," I said, replacing the receiver.

The telephone rang again.

"How much are the Indians paying you for this?" came another voice. "We know you're hand-in-glove with them. We've been watching you for some time, you and your Communist coolie cousins....."

I replaced the receiver and scratched my head. Was this really happening to me—a middle-aged business man, seated in an office in the main street of a teeming modern city. I looked round the office with its telephone, typewriters, duplicating machine etc., then I looked outside at the passers-by—a motley crowd of English, Africaners, Jews, half-castes, Indians, Malays, Zulus, Bantus, etc.

IN SEARCH OF A GUN

I had intended to buy a gun anyway. There had been a particularly daring burglary at the house next door and we were convinced that we had escaped only because of Nero, our large and ferocious dog, half Alsatian, half Great Dane, who fears nothing on earth except the local brand of thunderstorm.

A few days prior to that, one of my sons had gone into the workshop to get a saw and had trodden on the tail of a puff-adder—one of the deadliest snakes in Africa—which promptly whipped round and struck him in the ankle. Fortunately we were able to get him to a doctor within ten minutes and the prompt injection of serum saved his life.

So I went to see a gunsmith, who had in stock a wide range of weapons suitable for personal protection, but very little ammunition.

"Import Control?" I queried.

'Not so much Import Control as Dingaan's Day," he replied. "We've had a run on ammunition these last few weeks. Everybody has been stocking up in case of trouble on December 16."

RUMOURS

We had, of course, heard these rumours: they were kitchen talk all over Durban and elsewhere. At home we were astounded when our middle-aged and punchy Zulu cook-boy suddenly shaved off his beard. Natives, with their kinky type of hair, do not grow beards easily, and when they have managed to cultivate one, they are intensely proud of it. We quizzed the "boy" about the disappearance of his beard but he would not say why he had shaved it off We certainly did not connect it with the fact that nearly all the Afrikaners were growing beards for the Voortrekker Celebrations in December.

Next we heard that some hotheaded Voortrekkers had threatned to thrash any native caught wearing a beard on Dingaan's Day. The other side of the rumour was that the natives intended to rise against the Afrikaners. A different version of the rumour was brought back by a man who had been travelling in Zululand. According to him, upwards of 80,000 natives in the area he had covered were in a ferment because they had heard it was proposed to change the name of Dingaan's Day to Voortrekker Day. He admitted, however, that the tribes were too busy squabbling amongst themselves to stage any organised action, nor was there any chief of sufficient calibre to weld them together.

Later the authorities have acknowledged the existence of these persistent rumours about a native rising on December 16 by cancelling all police leave and by drafting extra police to certain key points. The South African public, doubtless with the memory of the Durban riots of last January still fresh in their minds, have acknowledged the existence of the rumours by deciding that one round in the magazine is worth two in the gunsmith's shop: hence the curent shortage of ammunition.

INSIDE JOHANNESBURG

At Johannesburg, the local natives are not particularly interested in either Dingaan or his Day, but they never need any special excuse for rioting. The situation there is always explosive. Trams that pass through certain native quarters are regularly and persistently stoned. Almost every night the police raid shebeens where the fiery native liquor is illegally sold. Often enough these raids result in a riot of such proportions that the police are forced to withdraw to a strong point until reinforcements can be called up. Almost every night without exception in Jo'burg there are murders, rapes, burglaries, assaults, and robberies, the victims being Europeans and the perpretators natives. No white woman would dream of going out at night unescorted. Today, Jo'burg is the blackest spot in all Africa: it has become known as the city where the black man rules by night.

No, South Africa is not really civilised by British standards, but then perhaps Britain is over-civilised. South Africa is a young and vital country. Some of its aspects of life may seem somewhat raw and crude to visitors from overseas, but at least the individual South African can provide against the dangers that threaten him. He can make his house burglar-proof, he can keep a large and ferocious dog to assist in its protection, and he can—anddoes—carry a gun In Europe, the growing danger appears to be the atomic bomb, against which the individual citizen can do little in the way of self-protection.

For myself I must admit that I find life in South Africa tonic and exciting I can still derive a thrill, even at the mature age of 52, from the knowledge that there is a loaded pistol in my hip-pocket by day and on a bedside table, together with a good torch, by night.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Boomerang

The demand of the East Pakistan Muslim League Parliamentary Party for "full autonomy" for East Pakistan in all spheres except defence and foreign affairs will not come as a surprise in view of the geographical position of East Bengal. The difficulty was anticipated when the demand for the League for separation was conceded, and at that time, there were vague references to a corridor, but India which knew how the Danzig corridor proved a fertile ground for a conflict was in no mood to entertain the proposal. At the moment, the only means of travel from West to East Pakistan directly is by air, but this is not likely to be used by a great majority of the common people in both the areas and they will remain strangers to each other. The appointment of Khwaja Nazimuddin as the Governor-General was a gesture that East Bengal was not ignored, but evidently, the inhabitants have not been taken in by a gesture, however generous it may look. They are demanding more representation in the Constituent Assembly. They won a major point when they fought on the recognition of Bengali as one of the languages of Pakistan and it took all the persuasive eloquence of the Quaid-E-Azam to check a movement which was showing signs of giving trouble at a critical time in the history of Pakistan.

Scape-Goat

Once again the press is sought to be made a scape-goat for the foibles of a politician. U. Maung who came to India the other day was in an effusive mood and he confided to a couple of correspondents that the Premier of Burma was visiting Colombo to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. This stirred a hornet's nest, as Burma which has seceded from the Commonwealth has no place in the "family gathering." In other words, the Foreign Minister of Burma had forgotten that his country had no locus standi at Colombo. Of course, an admission of this nature would mean loss of face, and who should be blamed but the pressman who had "misreported" the interview? Press correspondents have to take politicians at their word, and in view of their reluctance to commit themselves to paper it is not possible to obtain written statements every time they are interviewed. Who knows, even written statements might be questioned by politicians who will claim that they signed in haste? The only safe procedure seems to be that every correspondent should have a recording machine, so that the words are committed to discs without the possibility of recantation.

Unhappy Bengal

Even as the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, was congratulating himself on the improvement of the law and order position, there were reports of violence from the interior of Bengal. In one case, trouble started when police raided a village on information that a Communist was hiding there. It is said that armed agricultural labourers attacked the police, and they dispersed only after firing. In another outpost a mob attacked a police station. These are not isolated instances, for there are reports of identical happenings in other villages In the face of this, it is surprising that the Commissioner of Police should take a smug view of the situation and assert that "people in general have lost faith in the cult of violence." Some time back, there was a suggestion that the maintenance of law and order in Calcutta should be a military responsibility, and the months that have elapsed, have only added force to the demand. With the swift developments on the border, the Government of India are taking precautionary steps in Assam and nothing will be lost if caution is exercised by the Centre in Bengal also, since the Roy Ministry which is more pre-occupied with its own internal problems is unable to concentrate on the problem.

Save Food

The Bombay District Congress Committee has stolen a march again over the City Organisation in their campaign to save food. The Committee will be observing three "Save Food Days" on December 24, 25 and 26. On the first day the Congress Seva Dal will distribute at suburban stations flags, on the second day they will go round the suburbs and get "Save Rice" forms signed. On the third day there will be an exhibition of non-rationed food stuffs. We particularly commend the idea of "Save Rice" forms signed and hope that some organisation in the city takes it up. The Premier of Bombay Mr. B. G. Kher has given his support to the "Miss A Meal" campaign. Missing a meal will have no meaning if these people continue to draw their full rations. We suggest that once in two months every man should resolve not to draw his one week's ration and intimate the rationing authorities of his decision so that they can conserve that much of stock. Undoubtedly this will result in the saving of a great amount of foodgrains. Similarly, if the rice-eating people show a little more inclination, which is absent today, to try other foodgrains they may get used to wheat which is more nourishing. This will reduce the demand for rice, which is imported in great quantity.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Indian Liberalism!

Indian Liberalism is a strange phenomenon. It is a spurious thing, an imitation having no roots in the land. It is the product of brains moulded in a peculiar way, in abnormal conditions created by the British rule in India and having nothing to do with the genuine article of that name in England. The British rulers of India knew its real worth but fastened it as a buffer against the rising tide of Indian nationalism. As is always the case with our unfortunate country, Liberalism made its appearance here, when in England, its birth-place, its influence was on the wane. There it ceased to be a force in that country's political life, though some eminent men were still its protagonists as an old habit. In our country the liberal party was not a party at all on any sense of the word. It was an conglomeration of some educated gentlemen, a few amongst them very learned and sincere whose patriotism and integrity were unquestionable. But as to their following, even during their palmy days, it is doubtful if it was more than a few thousands. In these circumstances in this vast country whom did they represent? What was their programme? Calling a few meetings, and these too not in the dust and din of maidans, passing resolutions appealing to Government to do this, that and the other and making speeches liberally! They had some federations which were feathering during certain seasons! What was their creed? Dominion Status for India, whatever it might mean considering our relations with England. As to the sanctions behind their high sounding oratory, oh a vacuum! Of Independence for this country they had a horror! Some of these gentlemen were proudly waving the flag of British Empire; there were others who considered themselves as pillars of that Empire in this country and lost no opportunity to shout it from house tops! About our capacity to rule ourselves, as other civilized peoples in the world, without the aid of our British Masters they had very very poor opinion and so their insistant demand for gradual indianization! Is it not a beauty that word?

What was their contribution towards liberation of the country from foreign domination? Perhaps being liberals they felt a dislike for that word, Liberation!

When Congress, representing Indian Nationalism, under the inspiring leadership of Gandhiji, was engaged in a life and death struggle with British Imperialism they were, barring a very few and all honour to them for that, at best were spectators, and at worst co-operating with that steam roller of British Imperialism which was crushing our mind and spirit. They were helping indirectly British Government in their endeavour to smash the Congress! While greatest and noblest sons of India were rotting behind British prison bars, some of these gentlemen were knighted, feted and muck made of by our gaolers!

We would have gladly buried all this in the past, but for some highly objectionable statements in their newly published booklet. They bemoan the happenings during the period of the last 25 years in India. Why? Are they sorry that we fought for and won our freedom and deprived them, consequently of the company of our white rulers? Is there anything to be ashamed of? Inspite of many of our shortcomings and failures is it not one of the most glorious periods in the history of our country, if not of the world? And can we, who were mere mud before his advent forget the great magician who made heroes out of that mud with his magic wand and dominated the scene throughout? Of course we are not infallible, our leaders must have made some mistakes, but can any impartial observer deny that most of the intricate problems facing our country, are result of the legacy left by British Rule and its wars?

But Indian liberals being in the habit of surveying the world from academic clouds, would not have been liberals if they had such foolish thrills like us poor mortals!

—V. R. SHIRODKAR.

Cambay.

Articled Clerks

Under the provisions of the "Chartered Accountants Act 1949", and the rules apended thereto, no premium is to be cnarged from the articled clerks or if charged, is to be refunded in full within fifteen days after the completion of training. Many of the articled clerks who have joined before the passing of this act and who have paid heavy non-refundable premiums, would be completing their periods when the new act is in force. As there were no provisions in the old Auditors' Certificate Rules 1932, about the payment and refund of premiums, approved auditors were charging huge non-refundable premiums. But this defect has now been removed by our National Government. I would therefore request the Hon. Commerce Minister and the Executive Body of the Charactered Accountants to make the act restrospective in character. It will greatly benefit the new chartered accountants to establish themselves in life and it will remove the great injustice done. I am sure the approved Auditors in the name of equity and fair play, will support my suggestion

—A SUFFERER.

New Delhi.

Telephones

It is reported that 20,000 new telephone connections will be available to the public throughout India. Instead of demanding Rs. 2,000 or 2,500 from each individual subscriber, the Department should give priority to applications from gram-panchayats, hospitals co-operative stores and allow these public utility concerns to serve their members or constituents more efficiently.

—L. D. DIXIT.

Second Test And After

If past experience is a criterion, Rangachari could, at best, have been given a place only in Madras, his home ground. He has never been a success in Bombay and his recent performance has been very disappointing, both in bowling and, more especially so, in fielding. His batting ability is a foregone conclusion and so it need not be discussed here. His bowling was not very impressive and his picking up and throwing, and fielding generally, was deplorable. A fast bowler is generally a keen and alert fielder, and how Rangachari happens to be an exception is what I cannot understand. It is true that the absence of a real fast bowler to assist Phadkar has for some time been a real problem, and the obvious answer today is certainly Shute Banerjee. How on earth the selectors overlooked him and gave preference to Rangachari is beyond me.

Nimbalkar's inclusion has not been justified by results. To my mind, it looks as though the selectors have been largely influenced in this respect by his performance last year. During the few minutes he was at the crease he was very scratchy and shaky and did not even impress as anywhere near a batsman of class. He should of course drop out in subsequent Tests, and his place taken by either Amarnath or Mushtaq Ali. Nothing has been heard of about Amarnath's injury. It is quite on the cards, whatever Amarnath himself or the Cricket Control Board might say in the matter, that Amarnath is, in all probability, out of Indian Cricket once and for all. If so, Mushtaq Ali is the natural choice to fill up the gap. Why his name has not been mentioned in connection with the two Tests already played is rather surprising, unless of course the Board have some surprise packet up their sleeves. If Amarnath and Mushtak are not available, then G. Kishenchand or K. Bose of Bengal, or any other promising youngster from the provinces who is considered by the selectors to be in top form at the moment, should be given a chance.

Mantri's work behind the sticks has not been good enough. The art of wicket-keeping is generally associated with smartness and grace. Considering that the idea which prompted the selectors to give him an opportunoty was to find new talents and to train and develop them, he may be persevered with a little longer, but he will have to produce much better form to justify the confidence placed in him by the selection Board. Apart from what he did in the second innings in the Delhi Test, his performance as an opening batsman has also been poor.

The way our team went about their business in their second innings in the Bombay Test has been a welcome change and very inspiring. This is almost the very first occasion when all the memoers of the team may be said to have played a test innings with the right temperament and the result of course gives ample proof of it and gives a fair indication of our batting strength. If only our team had played each Test Innings in a like manner and spirit, we should have had many a Test victory to our credit by now.

—N. K. A. SASTRI.

Bombay A.I.R. Programmes

It is a matter of great joy for the many Karnatic music lovers of the Bombay region that efforts are at last being made by the Bombay Station executives to give some time to artists of Karnatic music in the Station's programmes. The last broadcast recital of Sri Ariyakudi Ramanuja Aiyengar was enjoyed by many. It gave an opportunity to many North Indian listeners to hear one of the master musicians of the South. Such programmes have a high cultural importance in that they have a lasting effect in integrating Indian culture.

I would like the Bombay Station executives to devise musical features wherein artists of both Karnatic music and Hindustani music are presented side by side. The present feature "Sangeet Sabha" should be made a regular one and scheduled at fortnightly intervals and artists of both systems of music should be presented side by side It will be highly helpful in bringing into bold relief the cultural unity of India if artists of these systems could be asked to sing similar ragas in succession.

—S. K. SWAMY.

Andhra Boundaries

I welcome the Government of India's reported direction to the Madras Government that a Boundary Commission be appointed with a view to definitely demarcating the boundaries of the proposed Andhra Province. We are all for the early ushering of the Andhra Province, but as Rajaji put it there is no great gain in hustling things". Creation of an Andhra Province so as to include large Kannada areas without consulting the Kannadigas could not be acceptable to Karnatak The Partition Council of the Madras Government has been a one-sided affair and its decisions could not be binding on Karnatak. The present procedure moreover is against the provisions laid down in the J. V. P. Report which requires exclusion of disputed areas from a new linguistic province to be formed, and prior agreement with the neighbouring linguistic area as regards the common boundary. Hence it is necessary that the proposed Boundary Commission should be full-fledged and empowered to settle the whole boundary line affecting Andhra and Karnatak. The Dhar Commission has given its verdict that the boundary dispute between Karnatak and Andhra is in regard to the districts of Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool Parts of Chittoor District also are involved. It is necessary that the Andhra Province should be brought into existence with the maximum amount of goodwill on the part of the concerned parties, and that can only be done by clearly demarcating the boundaries

—V. T. MAGADI,
General Secretary, Karnatak P.C.C.

SEPARATION OF RAILWAY FINANCE FROM GENERAL

4 Percent Dividend To Be Paid On Capital

PARLIAMENT ADOPTS MOVE TO REVISE CONVENTION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

A RESOLUTION to revise the Convention relating to the separation of Railway finances from general finances was moved in the Indian Dominion Parliament today by the Railway Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar.

The resolution, based on the recommendations of the Committee, appointed by the Assembly during the budget session this year, provides among other things, that the general tax payer would only have the status of the sole share-holder in the railway undertaking and, for the period of five years commencing from 1950-51, general finances would be paid an annual dividend calculated at the rate of four per cent on the capital invested. The rate of dividend would be reviewed at the end of the period.

The resolution also provides for the setting up of a revenue reserve fund, a development fund for providing passenger amenities, labour welfare and necessary but unremunerative railway projects. A depreciation reserve fund for the cost of replacements would also be set up with a minimum contribution of rupees fifteen crores.

Moving the resolution, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar recalled that just over 25 years ago, the railway finances were separated from general finances by the then Legislative Assembly which had also adopted certain other recommendations providing for the manner in which the Railways would contribute to the general finances.

The Convention was in operation for a number of years and was last revised in the year 1942-43. The resolution adopted in 1943 stated that so far as the contribution to the general revenues were concerned, the provisions of the 1934 resolution should cease to operate. It also made certain 'ad hoc' contributions for that year and the following year and decided that contributions for subsequent years should be made on a 'ad hoc' basis depending on the circumstances of the general and railway finances.

SERVICE TO PUBLIC

Mr. Ayyangar said that the railways were essentially a public utility undertaking run on a commercial basis. It, therefore, required that the railways should render, firstly, an essential service in public interest; secondly, provide the highest possible quality in regard to safety, amenities and the like; and, thirdly, should not take advantage of the monopoly enjoyed in regard to railway transport for the purpose of "exploiting its victim." Since it was being run on a commercial basis, it should pay economic remuneration to labour and capital. It should pay adequate wages to the labour employed and also pay a fair dividend to the share holder who was the State. As the shares were not on the open market, the dividend should not be less than the rate of interest at which Government usually borrowed.

REVENUE RESERVE

Mr. Ayyangar said that the rate of dividend that might be fixed now should not be enforced for a longer period than would justify in the present circumstances. Firstly, the expenditure in respect of operation, maintenance and improvements of the Railways should be standardized and, secondly, the Government must watch the money market and the stability of financial conditions. Therefore a review of the Convention should be undertaken by a Committee of Parliament after five years. The 'Railway Reserve Fund' would hereafter be called 'Revenue Reserve Fund' primarily designed to finance payment to general revenue and any deficit in the working of railways.

As it was undesirable to multiply the number of funds earmarked for specific purposes, it was proposed to have only one other fund, namely, 'development fund', besides the depreciation fund and railway revenue reserve funds. The betterment fund, which now amounted to Rs. 13.5 crores would be merged in the development fund. After making contribution to the depreciation fund and payment of dividend to general revenue, the surplus would be distributed among the revenue reserve fund and the development fund. Further surpluses would be given to the replacement and renewal fund.

Mr. Ayyangar thought that the new scheme was in the best interest of all concerned and hoped that the House would adopt it.

A number of amendments were then moved. Mr. C. Subramanian moved for an altogether new resolution in place of the official resolution stating that the existing method of allocation of railway surplus be continued during the year 1950/51 and that the Committee be asked to re-examine the position in light of the existing circumstances, associating some experts with it. Alternatively he suggested that for three years the annual dividend should be five per cent on the capital invested including the capital invested on strategic lines. The Railway Administration should be treated as a corporation for the purpose of assessment of corporation tax and its surplus revenues be taxed as such.

Mr. Nankishore Das moved for an addition of a paragraph in the resolution stating that the railways should be utilised for encouraging agriculture, industries and training of technicians in regional workshops. He also wanted that the dividend should be six per cent.

NO HURRY

Mr. C. Subramaniam said, The entire financial position of the country was to be reviewed by the Financial Commission under the provisions of the new Constitution. The Commission would have a larger perspective and fuller picture of the revenue resources of the country and it would be in a much better and reasonable position in determining the allocations. After all, it was not an urgent matter and there was no hurry for pushing through the resolution in the present Parliament. He suggested that the consideration of the scheme might be postponed for a year or two.

Pleading for an additional contribution by the railways to the general revenue besides four per cent on capital invested, an amount equivalent to income tax payable by the railways if it were a commercial concern, Mr. Jaspatrai Kapoor asked the Railway Minister whether it was suggested by the Government that if a concern was nationalised the State should get very much less than it would obtain if the concern was run by private individuals. It would mean, he said, that if industries were to be nationalised the State would have to lose considerably from the financial point of view. That was certainly not the object of nationalisation.

EXTENSION OF RAILWAYS

Importance Pointed Out

Mr. Shibbanlal Saksena (United Provinces) congratulating the Railway Minister said the railways should not be looked upon by members as a "milch cow of the general revenues." Transport projects were as important as the river valley and other projects. The devidend to the general finances should be restricted to three per cent and all the surpluses should be utilised to extend the railways. They had only about 36,000 miles of railways in the country as against their requirements of about one lakh miles. Mr. Saksena wanted that the betterment and labour welfare funds should be kept separate and more money spent on welfare of labour and amenities of passengers.

Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha (Assam) said that the railways should be looked upon as a general utility concern and the surpluses used to improve it. For the first ten years no dividends should be paid at all. The railways should be run on a "no-profit-no-loss" basis.

IN RAJASTHAN

Mr. Sita Ram Jajoo (Madhya Bharat) pleaded that passenger amenities should be provided in Rajasthan. Even at important stations like Indore there was no furniture and there were no taps even in the first class waiting rooms.

As for the third class waiting rooms, no protection from the sun and rain had been provided. Even benches were not to be found there. He wanted to know why funds accumulated in the betterment fund were later transferred to the development fund.

The Government had enough money, he said, but the Government lacked the will to provide travelling amenities for passengers.

He also wanted some dividend to be paid to the State Governments on the loans they had advanced to the State railway companies, now taken over by the Centre.

PRESENT SYSTEM BETTER

Pandit Hirdaynath Kunzru, who was Chairman of the Railway Enquiry Committee, said that the appointment of the Railway Convention Committee had yielded no useful results and he could not congratulate the Minister on the resolution before the House. Instead of settling now the contribution that the railways should make to the general revenues for five years, it would be better if the House continued the present method and at the time of the division of the surplus every year, paid due attention to the needs of the railways.

He recalled the recommendation of the Railway Enquiry Committee that the present arrangement should be continued for five years and thereafter, when prices were stabilised, a committee should be appointed to lay down the principles on which the surplus should be apportioned between the railways and general revenues. He said that the resolution placed before the House did not take account of the situation with which the railways were faced.

There was no conflict between the railways and the general revenues. Both belonged to the State. It should be of the utmost importance to the State to see that the railways were maintained in an efficient condition. Any breakdown in the railway transport arrangements would react seriously on the economic position of the country.

After analysing the present financial position of railways, Pandit Kunzru said: "I venture to submit to the House that it will be better to allow things to go on as at present, weighing the scale in favour of the railways rather than accept the rigid arrangement proposed in the resolution before us."

ALLOCATIONS NOT ADEQUATE

Mr. Ramnath Goenka, defending the decisions of the Railway Convention Committee, said that against the present allocation of Rs. 12 crores for depreciation, the Financial Commissioner for Railways had asked for Rs. 28 crores and the Pandit Kunzru Committee recommended Rupees 22 crores.

Taking into account the finances at its disposal, the Committee allocated Rs. 15 crores which were certainly not adequate but in view of the financial position, this was the only via media which the Committee could adopt.

The Convention Committee did envisage the writing off of Rs. 68 crores for which there were no tangible assets against Rs. 52 crores which represented the value of the assets of the State Railways. Actually, the State Railways had been "run to death" and the state of their maintenance was such that if it were a commercial and not a political proposition, the Railway Minister would have refused to take over the State Railways. As it was a political decision, the Minister was "bound to carry the baby for what it is worth."

FLIGHT OF CARRIAGES

The Indian Railway system had been shattered due to the war, said Mr. Goenka. No replacements had taken place.

"We know by personal experience the condition of the rolling stock today. When we travel in the railway carriages, we have nothing but complaints against the Railway Minister. Sometimes, there is no light, sometimes there is no water, and sometimes there are not even seats. This condition has to be improved in the next five years.

For that we will have to spend Rs 125 crores in the next five years at Rs. 15 crores a year for the depreciation fund, in five years we will have Rs. 75 crores. Already, there are Rs. 74 crores standing to the credit of the depreciation fund and this will make a total of Rs. 149 crores."

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh (Central Provinces) wanted provision to be made for larger mileage, which also could only be done when more money was forthcoming to the general revenues.

He did not like "vague talk" on the question of amenities and wanted such amenities to be defined.

The present conditions of railway travel, he said, were such that hardly cattle would put up with. It was the duty of the railways, therefore, to provide normal amenities.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar referred to the contention that the present was not the juncture at which they should disturb the arrangements and said: "We have to face facts. This is the time when both railways and general finances require a certain amount of certainty. Without that certainty it is not possible either for the railways or for the finances to plan ahead and try to make the best use of the resources and also see that as far as possible they worked hand in hand and achieved co-ordination." The resolution placed before the House should get the appreciation of the House for the fact that that co-ordination had already been achieved.

ASSURANCE

Mr. Ayyangar said that he had implemented the assurance he gave the House last March that the one and half crores set apart for the betterment fund would be spent. Actually in pursuance of his promise to the General Managers, an additional allotment might be asked for. He assured the House that he and the Railway Board would see to it that "not only are the three crores earmarked for the betterment fund in each of the five succeeding years but that those three crores are actually spent." If he or his successor did not implement this part of the resolution, he could be called to account and held responsible for negligence of duty.

DRAWN GAME IN SENIOR HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Maharashtra today playing a depleted side against St. Xavier's College "A" were held to a draw in the Senior Hockey League encounter at the Cooperage Both sides were able to score on two occasions each in a rather dull encounter.

St. Xavier's were the firsts to score through Vaz their centre forward who followed up a deflection from a defenders stick after Williams had taken a hard shot Eight minutes later Maharashtra equalized when Lingam sent in a penalty corner hit which was deflected into goal by Vaz. The sides crossed over without any advantage.

On resumption, Maharashtra who were without the services of Mana Singh, Maleloo and their star forwards took the offensive to gain the lead in the 5th minute when Dadoo through a fine solo effort netted. this was infact a sensational goal. Lobo, the Collegian's custodian rusned to the top of circle to intercept Dadoo but the ball travelled on to his other side and he thought it was going out but Dadoo ran up and pushed into an untenanted goal.

Six minuter later the Collegian came on equal terms when Vaz trapped a pass and made a run for goal area and netted from top of the D. Both sides shared four goals.

Earlier in the evening Lusitanian's "B" and St. Xavier's College "B" were concerned in a goalless draw in the First Division of the B.P.H. A. League.

In the Inter Collegiate Hockey League played early in the evening grant Medical College beat E.C. and R.I.S. by four goals to one V. Barretto scored three goals and Max D'Souza one for the winners, while Korejaokar scored for the losers their only goal.

JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Junior Divisions of the B.P.H.A. League:—

SECOND DIVISION: (Bombay Gymkhana Ground): St. Xavier's 'C' 4 (D Lord 3, J. Noronha 1). Khatau S. C. 2, (Bangera 2).

Boys Own Club 0, Overseas Communications 0.

Bombay Gymkhana 0, Young Rovers 0.

Juvenile S.C. 5 (Rozario 2, Carr 1, Bhimrao 1, Reggie 1).

Parsi Sports Association 0 (Parsi Cyclists Ground).

THIRD DIVISION: (Parsi Cyclists' Ground): St. Xavier's 'D' 0, R.I.N. Civilians 0.

Goan S.C. 'B' 2 (D'Souza 1, R. Fernandes 1). Anjuna 1 (D'Souza).

Parel Hockey League

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the Parel Hockey League this evening, the following matches were played and their results are as follows:—

General Motors 1 (Jadhav), B. B. and C. I. 'C' 0.

G. B. Police 'B' 5 (Mehboob 2, Gaitley 1, Arjun 2). Ruia 1. (Ranu). Ruia College played with 8 men only.

B. B. and C. I. 'B' 1. (Foster 1). Thana District Police 0.

Governor Entertains "Test" Teams To Tea

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Commonwealth and the Indian cricket teams, which participated in the drawn second "test" at the Brabourne Stadium recently, were entertained to a tea party at the Government House this evening by Bombay's popular Governor Raja Maharaj Singh and Rani Manaraj Singn. Prominent among those who attended the party were: Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay, Mr. Iver Jehu, the Editor of the 'Times of India' and Mrs. Jehu, Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu, Col. M. K. Mistri, Mr. A. S. DeMello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Mr. G. V. Kitson, British High Commissioner in India and Mrs. Kitson, Mr. H. N. Contractor, Mr. Jimmy N. Mehta, the Indian Davis Cup player, Mr. C. S. Ramaswamy and Mr. Madhusudan M. Amersey, the Cricket Secretary of the Cricket Club of India.

The captains of the colleges that participated in the Northcote Shield and the Ibrahim Rahimtoola Cup were also among the invitees. The Governor congratulated Mr. Khichadia and Mr B. R. Irani, the captains of the Elphinstone College and the St. Xavier's College respectively on the memorable final and later these captains were presented to Mr. George Duckworth, the Manager of the Commonwealth Touring team, who in his days was one of the best wicket-keepers the world has ever seen.

Inter-University Cricket

BANGALORE, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.): Poona made a good recovery in their second innings and at close of play today, the second day of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament (South Zone), they made 113 runs for the loss of six wickets. Mysore who made nine runs for no loss yesterday were all out for 135 runs an hour after lunch.

Poona with four wickets in hand and one full day at their disposal now requires 167 runs for a win.

CEYLON BEATEN ON FIRST INNINGS

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (PTI):

Madras won their tie against Ceylon by virtue of their first innings lead in the Inter-University Cricket Championship which ended here today the third and last day of the match.

Madras who had made 185 for 3 overnight in their second knock, declared their innings closed at 2 p. m. today when the score was 384 for 6 leaving Ceylon to score 404 runs in 200 minutes to win the match.

At close of play today Ceylon Universty had made 208 runs for eight wickets in the second innings.

WORLD SOCIAL WORKERS TO MEET IN DELHI

6-Day Conference Opens On Monday

OVER 300 experts in social work—half of them representing foreign countries—are meeting in a six-day conference in Delhi on Monday "to undertake, promote and develop" the study of social problems in the country.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

Convened by the Indian Conference of Social Work, the meeting is the third of its kind to be held in India. Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Minister for Public Works, Government of Bombay, will preside over the Conference.

The Indian Conference of Social Work was formed in 1947 to arrange among other things, the holding of periodical conferences on specific social problems. The purpose was to furnish an opportunity to social workers from all over the country "to meet and exchange views on subjects of common interest."

The countries which have agreed to send their observers to the conference include the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Afghanistan and Turkey.

BIGGEST CONTINGENT

The biggest contingent of social experts will be from the United Nations and its various organisations. They include the World Health Organisation, the U.N.E.S.C.O., the I.L.O. and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

The deliberations of the conference will be divided into four sections, each section having its own chairman. The subjects for discussion are: State and social services; Family, child and youth welfare; co-ordination of social work and social work in industry.

The conference is organising a symposium of "Social Work Abroad" in which representatives of U.S.A., U.S.S.R., U.K., Australia, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Switzerland, will participate.

An outstanding feature of the Conference will be a "pictorial and graphic" exhibition depicting the growth, development and content of social services in various countries. Charts, graphs and other materials connected with the exhibition, are understood to have been flown from different countries by some embassies in New Delhi, at the request of the conference executive.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Demands For Current Year

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (U.P.I.): Demands for supplementary grants of Rs. 8,70,41,000 representing the expenditure met from revenue for the current year and Rs. 79,53,66,000 for expenditure met from capital, is to be made by the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, in Parliament this week.

The demands include the following amounts under different heads:

EXPENDITURE MET FROM REVENUE: Customs (Rs. 2,56,85,000), Central Excise Duties (Rs. 39,50,000) Constituent Assembly (Rs. 1,16,30,000), Department of Parliamentary Affairs (Rs. 50,000), Ministry of External Affairs (Rs. 2,12,000), Ministry of Works, Mines and Power (Rs. 84,000), Audit (Rs. 29,76,000) ports and pilotage (Rs. 7,00,000) tribal areas, (Rs. 4,36,000), external affairs, (Rs. 40,83,000), civil works, (Rs. 29,55,000) miscellaneous (Rs. 1,000), expenditure on refugees (Rs. 3,25,00,000), Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Rs. 1,53,000), relations with Indian States (Rs. 16,26,000).

EXPENDITURE MET FROM CAPITAL: Capital outlay on currency (Rs. 79,12,53,000), Delhi capital outlay (Rs. 41,13,000).

The Railway Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, will also place a demand for supplementary grants of Rs. 29,48,000 under the heads, audit, (Rs. 3,82,000), miscellaneous expenditure (Rs. 25,64,000), ordinary working expenses-administration (Rs. 1,000) and open line works-additions (Rs. 1,000).

ARMY AND NAVY ACTS

Bill To Remove Inequalities

Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, introduced in Parliament today on behalf of Defence Minister Sardar Baldev Singh, a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Government of the Regular Army.

The Bill seeks to revise the Army and Air Force Acts with a view to making them identical in form, as far as possible, and to remove glaring inequalities between the two Provision has also been made in the Bill whereby the Indian States forces would be subject to the Army Act.

It is stated in the Bill that the revision of the Indian Naval Act had been postponed pending the findings of a special committee appointed in the United Kingdom to examine the question of revision of the British Naval Act.

ROAD TRANSPORT BODIES

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport, introduced a Bill to provide for the incorporation and regulation of road transport corporations.

The Bill seeks to replace the Road Transport Corporations Act, 1948. It would enable provincial Governments who might desire to set up transport corporations with the object of providing properly coordinated system of road transport services to do so. A legal flaw was found in the existing Act as creation of statutory transport corporations had been held as amounting to incorporation of trading corporations which was 'ultra vires' of the provincial Legislature. The bill removes this legal flaw.

Less Sugar Produced

KANPUR INSTITUTE STATISTICS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (PTI): One lakh and two thousand maunds of sugar were produced by the Central sugar factories in the Indian Union during the first fortnight of November 1949 as compared with 1,31,000 maunds during the corresponding period of last year, according to the Director, Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur.

Four lakh and 57 thousand maunds of sugar were despatched to distributing centres during the same period as compared with 6,37,000 maunds during the corresponding period.

The opening stock of sugar in the first fortnight of November was 11,79,000 maunds as compared with 60,87,000 maunds in the corresponding fortnight of the previous season.

Figures for the current fortnight relate to 125 factories representing 93 per cent of the total can crushing capacity while the figures of the previous year relate to 118 factories representing 90.87 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity.

Dakota Plane Crash Lands

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (PTI): A Dakota plane of Air Ceylon operating between Colombo and Madras crash landed at the Trichy aerodrome at about one this afternoon, according to information received here.

The pilot, co-pilot and a passenger are said to be slightly injured.

The plane is believed to be a total wreck.

It appears the plane crashed while landing. A party of Air Ceylon officials are understood to be arriving at Trichy aerodrome this afternoon from Colombo by a special plane.

The Delhi Accident Inspectorate have been informed of the crash.

The plane was on its usual flight from Colombo to Trichy.

The front portion of the plane was completely damaged.

As the plane landed it caught fire but the Aerodrome Authorities brought it under control before it could spread and extricated all the passengers and crew in time.

A joint enquiry by officials of Civil Aviation Directorate, Government of India and officials of Air Ceylon will be held into the causes of the accident, it was learnt.

A special plane was flying here late this evening from Colombo to take passengers bound for Colombo.

Delhi Cost Of Living Declines

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (UPI): The working class Cost of Living Index number (Base 1944 — 100) for Delhi declined by 1 point to 137 during the month of November 1949. The effect of a fall in the prices of pulses and potatoes was partially offset by a rise in the price of milk.

The estimated working class Cost of Living Index number for Delhi on the pre-war base (August 1939 — 100) was 358 during the same period.

145 MEMBERS TO VACATE C. A.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (UPI): A Gazette of India Extraordinary issued today announces that altogether 145 dual members representing the different Provinces as well as the States and States Unions at present in the Constituent Assembly will vacate their seats from January 26, 1950. These vacancies will be filled up through by-elections.

These 145 'dual members' are represented Province wise as follows:—Bombay, 13; Orissa, 7; Bihar, 31; Assam, 9; Rajasthan, 1; Madhya Bharat 4; Saurashtra, 2; Travancore-Cochin, 7; Madras, 20; Mysore, 7; West Bengal, 3; United Provinces, 32; Central Provinces, 9; Total 145.

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (PTI): The Madras Assembly today passed into law a bill extending from January 1 1950 about 160 enactments to the merged States of Pudukottah, Banganapalle and Sandur as amended by a select committee.

ESTATE DUTY BILL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

The Indian Parliament today formally adopted an amendment moved by Mr. M. Thirumal Rao to postpone consideration of the Estate Duty Bill and the Ajmer Merwara Tenancy and Land Records Bill to the budget session in 1950.

The Government Chief Whip, Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, had announced in Parliament yesterday that Government had decided to postpone consideration of these two bills to the budget session.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter):—Small support in narrow market gave British Government funds firmness today. Gains of quarter per cent were widespread.

This lead was not followed by other domestic stocks. In very quiet conditions leading industrials showed losses of few pence. Irons and Steels however remained firm. Tobacco shares were hesitant on reports from Washington that Britain is planning further reduction in imports of United States tobacco next year.

Hopes of early announcement of payment of interest on Austrian loans resulted in marking up prices of these issues. Gains of two points were shown. Announcement is already two weeks overdue.

Foreign rails and utilities encountered small demand and moved fractionally higher.

Commodity shares were quiet with oils and rubbers lower, where changed.

Free State issues were a firm feature among South African Minings. Local support followed higher Johannesburg advices. Dividend payers were harder where mentioned.

Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

Previous, Closing	30.56
Today's Opening	30.57
Difference	+ 1
Today's Closing	30.53
Difference	— 3

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Silver Forward	Rs. 170 6
Gold Forward	Rs. 113 9
Silver Bullion	Rs. 170 0
Silver Mint	Rs. 170 4
Gold Ready	Rs. 114 0
Sovereign	Rs. 75 14

NEW YORK STOCKS:

NEW YORK, Dec. 21

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.

General Motors dol. 69 1/8

United States Steel Common unquoted.

United States Steel Preference unquoted.

Stop Press

RED VICTORY

HONG KONG, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Peking Radio reported tonight that a Chinese Communist pincer movement was encircling Nationalist remnants in the area of Chengtu, provisional capital evacuated by Government officials about ten days ago. The Radio, which quoted an army communique, said that since November 1 the Communists had captured 132 cities and county towns covering an area nearly half the size of France.

PEACE IN S.E. ASIA

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).—The hope that the coming Commonwealth Conference in Ceylon would lead to security and peace in South-East Asia was expressed in London tonight by British Prime Minister Attlee. He was making a surprise speech at a party given by the High Commissioner for Ceylon in London.

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"Wimbledon" Of The East Commences Today

GALAXY OF TENNIS STARS GATHERS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).

The first International Lawn Tennis Championships of Asia or the "Wimbledon" of the East opens tomorrow at the Calcutta South Club in Woodburn Park. Such a galaxy of tennis stars as will participate in the Championships this year is unprecedented in the history of tennis in the East.

Sixtyfour men and eighteen women will vie for five Asian titles. They include 21 men and nine women from eleven tennis playing countries other than India.

Of the thirty foreign stars ten men and four women have been seeded. They are: F. Ampon (Philippines), R. Abdesselam (France), P. Washer (Belgium), G. Paish (Britain), D. Mitic, J. Pallada (Yugoslavia), H. Weiss (Argentina), Mr. Branovic (Yugoslavia), Iftikhar Ahmed (Pakistan) and V. Cernik; and Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd (U.S.A.), Mrs. Betty Hilton, Miss J. Quertier (Britain), and Miss Gertrude Moran (U.S.A.)

Four men from India have also been seeded: Sumant Misra, Dilip Bose, Narendra Nath and Naresh Kumar.

The story of this tennis carnival goes back to 1947. It was first mooted by the Honorary General Secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. T. S. Kakko and put forward in the form of a resolution by its energetic foreign Secretary, Mr. J. Chinna Durai, to the International Lawn Tennis Federation of the World in 1947. But it met with strong opposition from many quarters on the ground that it would draw away stars from other legitimate tournaments, and was shelved for the year. Another resolution was tabled by India the next year, but was not discussed due to the absence of its sponsor Mr. Durai, due to illness on the eve of the Federation meeting.

In July this year Mr. Durai succeeded in persuading the international controlling body of its feasibility and importance with the support of Pakistan and China. Permission was granted by the I.L.T.F. But it would be staged in 1950, since 12 months notice was required for such championships to be arranged, they contended. But India maintained that she had been preparing for the last 36 months for the championships. Finally they agreed to this current championships. India, Pakistan and China will stage it annually by arrangements between themselves.

After that came the difficulty of getting official nominations from foreign countries. But the A.I.L.T.A., succeeded in persuading eleven countries to send their representatives to the first Asian Championships to be held in Calcutta. No Australian player was, however, available because the dates clash with thos e of her own tournaments. After Gonzales and Shroeder turned "pro" The U. S. Association felt shortage of men in view of its many early commitments.

Cernik Leaves For India

LONDON, Dec. 21. (PTI-Reuter): Vladimir Cernik, self-exiled Czech lawn tennis player, left London airport for Calcutta to compete in the International Lawn Tennis Championships of Asia later this month.

Cernik had been unable to leave with the other members of the European contingent last Sunday due to visa difficulties. He said he had not heard from his family in Czechoslovakia for six weeks.

Famous Australian Golfer For British Championship

MELBOURNE, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Ossie Pickworth, Australia's greatest post-war golfer, will compete in the British Open Championship next year.

Pickworth won the Australian open in 1946, 1947 and 1948, but was disqualified this year for a technical infringement. He has also won four of Australia's "Ampol" events which carry prize money of £ 800.

Norman von Nida, who is no stranger to British tournaments, will also challenge for the British title. He and Pickworth are expected back here with Boby Locke (South Africa) to compete for the Australian title in August.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand), Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): It is learned that Australia proposes to increase her team for the Empire Games from 147 to 173. Commenting on the increase Mr. C. L. Oleal, Organising Secretary for the Games, which take place here next February, said. "We are delighted and will be able to accommodate everyone comfortably".

TERRY ADAMS AND THE MINERS' LAMP

Mr. Terry Adams, the popular Secretary of the Rangers Club, Bombay, needs no introduction to boxing circles in Western India. During the last two years he has been mainly instrumental in placing Rangers Club and Bombay on the international boxing map. He has from time to time arranged matches with Pakistan and Ceylon. Mr. Adams' greatest contribution to Indian boxing was the promotion of the match between Ron Latham, the British Amateur Mining Association champion and India's Gene Raymond in Bombay last October. The Heckleton Main Amateur Boxing Club in Britain in appreciation of his successful promotion of the Ron Latham-Gene Raymond match presented Mr. Adams with a Protector Miners' Lamp (seen on the left) as a souvenir.

TT AS IT SHOULD BE PLAYED

THE FINEST MATCH IN MY LIFE

WHEN Richard Bergmann was down with a 0-2 game lead for Uttam, it was the shining hour for India's greatest Table Tennis player. Although the foreign master, after the initial shock and panic, rallied splendidly to win the match, he had to fight for it with all he had got. Here, Uttam assesses that historic game, in the second and last of articles written exclusively for this paper.

by UTTAM CHANDARANA

(Exclusive to The Bombay Chronicle.)

UTTAM CHANDARANA
India's No. 1 Table Tennis Star.

It was the 3rd Test at Bombay, and this happened in the opening match against Richard Bergmann, 1948 World Table Tennis Champion. The first game started as if Bergmann would win easily. His previous day's play warranted such confidence among the spectators that though he was down 5-10, they all thought he was taking it lightly. Inspite of his efforts, he could not save the initial game and at once the atmosphere grew tense. The crowd naturally interested in watching their own player win in a test match. The second game started in similar fashion and right from the first point, Bergmann refused to hit. In my previous matches against him I had realised that hitting continually against him was useless. I therefore resorted to some steady play, occasionally pushing the ball across the table and hit hard only when he was out of position. This proved most successful and when he found that he could not hold my hits, he started attacking against me. This change in tactics did not help him as he found that most of his topspins were returned safely by me and when in position I also counter-hit a few. He ultimately decided to fall back on defense and fought hard to win the second game. But he could collect only —points and lost this game also. There was no end to the crowd cheering me and for once they thought I may upset the World Champion.

UTTAM IN LEAD

Things did not look bright for England when I gained a lead of 2—0 in the first match. It was now or never for Bergmann and he rose to the occasion scoring the remaining 3 games in a row.

The 3rd and 4th games were won by Bergmann rather easily. In the third I invariably overdrove and he soon established a commanding lead and stuck to it to make sure of winning it. But when the 4th game started, the result hung in balance. Within a minute of the start I established a lead of 5—1 and this made him nervous. But I was equally nervous myself. The very idea that I may upset the world upset me a little. But then he was very much hard pressed, looking to his reputation. I really admire the way he fought back. At this stage I indulged in what I may say continuous hitting. I had all along realised the danger of such play, because against rhythmic hitting Bergmann returns almost anything played to him. He equalised the score at 12 and there after never looked back. I could only score—extra points and conceded the game without much fight.

EXCITEMENT

But the greatest excitement was yet to come. The crowd was on its toes. The atmosphere was electrified due to the fact that Bergmann was fighting every inch to win the match out of fire. The final game started rather slowly. Both of us refused to take risk and he often played me on my backhand. Even when I tried to take offensive, he continually played half volley and often cornered me with angular returns and won a number of points. Never did he relax for a moment and with a difference of 2 to 3 points the game reached an interesting stage. Ultimately he was leading 17—14 and appeared well set for victory. Few very exciting rallies followed and the lead gradually diminished. 18 all was called. The excitement ran fever high. I sent few scorching drives on his backhand and then attempted a smash to the other corner. The ball cracked on my bat and the stroke was missed. Another ball was selected and play continued and with 19—18 in his favour, there was pin drop silence when the next point started. Once again there was a long drawn rally and with a crashing smash to his backhand that left him standing, the umpire called 19 all. This was the tensest moment. Caution was Bergmann's watchword. I played few drives on his forehand and gradually played sharper and sharper dragging him out on the forehand and when I found that he was cornered on one side. I smashed the return on his backhand and thought it would pass him completely. He made a wild dive to save the point. To my utter surprise I found the ball coming over the net to my side of the table. This was farely high and on my backhand. A tempting ball to hit. I took a chance and tried a chop smash deep down on his forehand. And lo! the ball just went over the end of the table. A match point against me and the ball was set rolling. Few gentle drives on his backhand and forehand were returned safely by him. To a slightly highish return I took my last chance, but that did not come off. Game and match for Bergmann. My hopes were dashed to the ground.

And when I recall this match my heart throbs with mixed feelings of sadness and joy. I feel sad that I lost a chance of my lifetime to beat the world champ but at the same time I feel satisfied that though I lost to him, I made him fight for his victory. After all this how do you expect me to forget this match.

OUTSTANDING TRACK-TRIALS BY DESERT KID AND LIBERTY BELLE

The following are the track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:—

OUTER TAN

DEV DOOT (Jones) showed out from LONDON TAN (Kadam) and AYAAZ (Sawai Singh) when covering a mile in 1 min. 52 secs.

MY AZIZA (Purtu) disposed of RUQAIYA (R.B.) and NAGARPALIKA (Shaikh Ahmed) when sent over five furlongs. Timing 1 min. 6 secs. MY AZIZA is likely to be concerned in the decisive struggle on Saturday.

YOUR MAJESTY (Kadam) did a pleasing mile galop in 1 min. 51 secs.

TITINA (Devaney) was well in front of MIRELLA (Narsi) when moving over seven furlongs. She returned 1 min. 36½ secs. Mirella was not fully extended.

ODDS AGAIN (Kadam) BOTTICELLI (Jones) BASILION (R.B.) and MANIONA (Sawai Singh) lay in the order mentioned when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21 secs.

PESSIMIST (Khade) shaped better than WHO'S THAT (Hanuman) when moving over seven furlongs. He clocked 1 min. 37 secs.

NEAR IMAGE (Purtu) moved at a fair pace when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 9½ secs.

GANG BHUP (Shaikh) had the measure of PAR EXCELLANCE (A. Ahmed) when striding over eight furlongs in 1 min. 50 secs. The first-named may spring a surprise early.

YEARLING (Duffy) moved atractively over four furlongs in 52 secs.

PRINCE OF MAHAD (Rickaby) was too good for HOODED TERROR (Bhoor Singh) when covering a mile in 1 min. 50 secs.

VAGABOND QUEEN (Shiba) did not allow ROYAL GUARD (Khade) to settle when working seven furlongs in 1 min. 39 secs.

V. DAY (Kasbekar) KANTAKA (R.B.) SWEET LOVE (R. Mulla) and BLUE ARROW clocked 1 min. 28 secs when engaged over seven furlongs. They were placed in the order mentioned.

NAVROZE (Ghaus Khan) was very well in hand when covering the last five furlongs in 1 min. 8½ secs.

MIDINETTE (J. Bhosle) had the easy measure of AMORETTE (Sk. Ahmed) (when covering five furlongs in 1 min. 6½ secs.

KENNERETH (Dar) moved in front of TRUMPELDOR (R.B.) when making a four furlongs trip in 52 secs.

GEORGETTE (J. Bhosle) CARNIVAL QUEEN (K. Hassan) and SANGRAM (Chavan) were placed in close order when tried over four. Timing 51 secs. The last-named needs watching.

MANSOOR BEG (Khade) SPRING CHICKEN (R.B.) and DARK ROY (R.B.) were sent on light work over a mile. The first-named showed out and clocked 1 min. 54 secs.

DESERT KID (Amir Ahmed) outstrode WET BOB (R.B.) when concerned in a noteworthy gallop over ten furlongs. The grey who holds excellent chance in the Stewards Cup on Monday covered nine furlongs in 2 mins 4 secs.

PAPER KING (Rickaby) was not pressed when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

LIBERTY BELLE (Kheem) narrowly prevailed over speedy ZAM ZAM (Khade) when engaged this morning in a noteworthy three furlongs spurt. She timed 35 secs.

GEORGIE (Khade) had poor company of FUTURITY (R.B.) and QUEEN OF KANDY (Rickaby) when recording a three furlongs spurt in 36½ secs.

QUEENIE (Murad) and SHOOKARIYA (Dar) were placed in close order when covering three furlongs in 36½ secs.

RASHTRAPATI (Shiba) did not permit KISS MISS (Z. K. Khan) to pace with him through the mile journey. Timing 1 min. 53 secs.

PERSEUS (Dar) moved at a fair pace and clocked 1 min. 24 secs. for six furlongs.

RACE GRASS

RED CARNATION (Whiteside) put a smashing five furlongs gallop in the company of CHANDROOS (Rickaby), in hand and well ahead of BILLET DUOX (Nolan) when tried over a mile. He returned 1 min. 51½ secs.

HONEY BUNCH (R.B.) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

BRAVE PRINCE (Whiteside) strode in front of MASKED PLAYER (R.B.) when covering a mile in 1 min. 52 secs.

SHAHI BAG (Hayyat) spared a length from DOMINATE (Whiteside) when negotiating a mile in 1 min. 51 secs. Both are in fine fettle.

PRINCESSA (Antoo) and HER EXCELLENCY (Chavan) fought it out and were about level at the end of a nine mile gallop. Timing 1 min. 49 secs

MAKARPURA (Chavan) and KAMMU (J. Bhosle) were out for an airing over six. They clocked 1 min. 22½ secs.

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U.S. NAVY BASEBALL TEAM ARRIVES

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The U. S. Navy baseball team, which will play the Bombay American Association team on Boxing Day at the Cooperage Football Ground, arrived in Bombay today abroad the U. S. Navy seaplane tender, "Valcour."

General D. S. Brar, G.O.C. Bombay Area, will throw out the first ball in the time-honoured American tradition. There will also be pre-game festivities including music by the Royal Indian Navy Band and the presentation of the mascots of the two teams.

The Navy is reported to have a strong team and a game every bit as thrilling as the recent Bombay-Calcutta match is expected.

The game will be played in aid of the Indian Charities Fund and tickets are on sale at The American Consulate General, The U.S.I.S. Office on Queen's Road, The National City Bank of New York, The Army and Navy Stores; The Taj Mahal Hotel and the New Book Company. The price of admission is One Rupee. There are no reserved seats and Bombay baseball fans are urged to come early to get a fine seat for this game which begins at 10 a.m. Boxing Day.

Madras Strictures On Govt. Servants

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.).

THE Madras Government today issued orders prohibiting Government servants from becoming Stewards or other office-bearers of Race Clubs of the Province.

FIELD OF EIGHTEEN FOR 2.000 GUINEAS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the Acceptances for this Saturday's Races at Mahaluxmi:—

THE NAVSARI PLATE
(Division II) DISTANCE—5 Furs.

Nagarpalika 8-7, Rumbita 8-7, Amorette 8-7, Star of America 8-7, Blue Gleam 8-7, Masked Lady 8-7, Agni Mani 8-7, Takaiul 8-7, Azizeh 8-7, Chanod Star 8-7.

THE NAVSARI PLATE
(Division I) DISTANCE—5 Furs.

My Aziza 8-7; Shookariya 8-7, Quip 8-7, Coral 8-7, Beeds Luck 8-7, Kranti 8-7, Fairy Gates 8-7, Shazadi Hasina 8-7, Queen of Kandy 8-7, Wagh Mahal 8-7, Nava Ratna 8-7, Red Carnation 8-7.

THE BORIVLI PLATE
(Division II) DISTANCE—7 Furs.

Pick Money 9-1, Plucky Princess 8-6 Tawaqul 9-1, Mr. Rambler 8-12, Nature Boy 8-12, Luminary 8-10, Mirella 8-9, King's Cup 8-8, Queen's Cup 8-7, Chetna 8-7, Portoi 8-6, Billy Boy 8-4, Time Bomb 8-2, Progress 8-0, Steve 8-0, My Pleasure 7-11, Princess Victory 7-11.

THE C.C. GULLILAND PLATE
DISTANCE—1 Mile.

Shan-E-Hind 9-4; Paper King 8-13; Swan Walk 8-7; Billet Doux 8-13; Fitna 8-8; First Royalty 8-7; Zam Zam 8-4; Liberty Belle 8-3; Quicksand 8-3; Rana Pratap 7-13; Rajput Warrior 7-8.

THE INDIAN 2,000 GUINEAS (1949)
DISTANCE—1 Mile

Manzoor 8-11, Chand Chakor 8-11, King of Diamonds 8-11, Gamble for Love 8-8, Desert Kid 8-11, Masquerade 8-11, Par Excellence 8-11, Gang Bhup 8-11, Mansoor Beg 8-11, Trumpeldor 8-11, Kennereth 8-11, Prince of Mahad 8-11, Your Majesty 8-11, Play On 8-11, Makarpura 8-11, Pavan 8-11, Rustum 8-11, Rukhsana 8-8.

THE OKARA PLATE
DISTANCE—1 Mile

Gipsy Moon 9-3, Blue Lotus 9-3, Aan Baan 8-12, Baaz Bahadur 8-6, Sweet Maryla 8-9, Repartee 8-9, Spring Chicken 8-8, Dragon Seed 8-8, Flying Clipper 8-7, Titli 8-7, Queen Anne 7-12, Yearling 8-6, Shah Jahan 8-4, La Jawab 8-4, Dev Doot 8-4, Sunbathing 8-4, Ayaaz 8-0, Find Out 7-13, Queen of Gwalior 7-11, Sohni 7-9.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP
DISTANCE—1¼ Miles

Shahi Bag 9-12, Boops Fancy 9-3, Navvara 8-13, Namdar 8-10, Aman 8-8, Jane Jigar 8-8, Pravina 8-7, Brave Prince 7-9, Star of Mahad 7-0, Royal Mantle 7-0.

THE VELLARD PLATE.
DISTANCE—1 Mile.

Irish Right 9-3; Musafir 9-0; Valiant Prince 8-11; Flying Princess 8-11; Whirlwind 8-11; Riviera 8-9; Embarkation 8-9; Hooded Terror 8-9; London Tan 8-7; Navroze 8-6; Shah Nawaz 8-5; Wet Bob 8-3; Princessa 8-3; Lira Malt 8-3; Sir Galahad 8-2; Dark Roy 8-1; Bihari 8-1; Lochinvar 7-13; Furat 7-13; Untamed Prince 7-11; Aflatoon 7-12; King's Star 7-12; Show On 7-10; Morning 7-9.

THE BORIVLI PLATE.
(Division I) DISTANCE—7 Furs.

Pessimist 9-3; Aarzu 9-1; Tantalum 8-13; Cherry Blossom 8-12; Carpala 8-12; Pretty Town 8-10; Mah Khurshid 8-8; Broken Mask 8-6; True Love 8-6; Indian Port 8-5; Bara Mulla 8-5; Honey Bunch 8-4; Kickshaw 8-2; Chandrakor 8-0; Belle Amie 8-0.

FIRST ROYALTY (Whiteside) was Timing 1 min. 6 secs.

DURHAM ACCOUNTS FOR A. PINTO-PHILLIPS

Handicaps Billiards Tournament

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Handicapped fifty points more than his opponent, G. Durham won a very keenly fought out match this evening in the Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards tournament, against A. Pinto Phillips. Starting with a handicap of —300 A. Pinto Philippis led his opponent till 90-41, but then Durham, who had a disadvantage of 50 points in the handicap made a good break of 59 points to take over the lead 110 to 90. From then on Durham continued to lead by small margins until he wined out his handicap of 350 points. At this Pinto-Phillips, who was not far behind was two short of doing so himself. Scoring an averagely good total every time he visited the table Pinto-Phillips led his opponent till 73-46 but he remained stationary at 96, where "dame fortune" let him down very badly, while Durham went on to raise his total to 172, before Pinto-Phillips could score even a single point. Durham ultimately won by 250-188 points.

Durham's best breaks were: 59, 23, 21, 24, 25 and 23, while those of Pinto-Phillips were: 21, 25, 22, 28 and 24.

In the earlier match played this evening E. Bachuali (-160) beat A. Reynolds (-325) very narrowly by 250-231. Reynolds, who was in good form made breaks of 43, 61, 20, 22 and 20. Bachuali made breaks of 24 and 20.

In view of Bachuali's performance this evening, the referee has recommended that the handicap of the winner should be revised.

Rangers Boxing Meet In January

EGYPTIAN BOXERS TO COMPETE?

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Rangers Club are staging another boxing show on the 11th January 1950.

Efforts are being made to secure the services of an Egyptian bantamweight to fight Bob Lall of Bengal, or an Egyptian Welter to fight Peter Prince.

If Prince cannot get an Egyptian opponent, he will meet R. Cranston, the Bengal Welterweight Champion, who represented India at the London Olympics.

B Bose who was India's featherweight representative at London, will clash with Havelock Norris the Western India Champion. Oscar Ward, formerly of the C. P. but now in Bengal will meet Behram Irani in a heavyweight contest. Ward outpointed Irani at a previous Rangers show in January 1948.

A. Janz of the Ceylon Police, who is the Middleweight Champion of Ceylon and recently won the "Best Boxers" trophy is meeting Ron Willmer, the new Western India Middles Campion, who was also adjudged the "Best Boxers" in our recent championships.

All our local champions and near champions will also be on the bill including A. Thomas, E. Kothare, Kelkar, Khatau, Vandrasucht Kapoor, Dias, Sequeira, Roquirino, Norris, Carr Sharma, Carvalho, Lobo, Prince, Perrier, Pereira, etc. Secretaries are requested to contact the Hon Secretary Terry Adams, c/o. Head Police Office, Bombay.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:
2-30 p.m. Ruia vs. Khalsa (Inter-College League).
3-45 p.m. R.I.N. vs. 'Times'.
4-45 p.m. Bombay City vs. Young Sports (Senior Division).
Old Association Ground:
5 p.m. R.I.N. 'B' vs. St. Xavier's Association (Second Division).
Parsi Cyclists' Ground:
3 p.m. Dockyard 'C' vs. B.S.N. Sports.
4 p.m. Young Comrades 'B' vs. B. I. G. Insc. S. C.
St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel:
3 p.m. Metal Box S.C. vs. Xavier's 'E'.
4 p.m. G.I.P. (C and L) vs. Xavier's 'D'.
5 p.m. Dockyard 'B' vs. Xavier's 'C'.

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.
6-0 p.m. A. J. Rebello (-110) Vs. J. L. Khandke (-325).
8-15 p.m. I. H. Jhangiani (-40) Vs. M. K. Sathe (-325).

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TATA STEELS STEADY ABSORBING PROFIT-TAKING

Scattered Realising Sales In Cotton Mill Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The local Share Bazar opened higher and after satisfying initial buying, the market turned quiet on pre-Holiday realising sales. The market will remain for one hour on Friday and thereafter will open on 2nd January. The general feeling still remains constructive with expectations of further increase in December production figure of Tata Iron and Steel Company At the same time there is some manipulation by option dealers and there was routine trading.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1562/8 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1552/8 and improved at Rs. 1565. Thereafter market turned quiet on profit-taking and Defds lost all earlier gains and stood around Rs. 1550. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 320 and declined at Rs. 138, Indian Irons opened at Rs. 30/8 and declined at Rs. 30/6.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1082/8 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1077/8 and declined at Rs. 1072/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 304 and declined at Rs. 300, Nagpurs were placed at Rs. 256 and Svadeshi Mills shares were quoted at Rs. 273/8. Scindia shares opened at Rs. 14/14 and quietened at Rs. 14/9

Thereafter there was scattered buying in Steel Shares and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1557/8 and Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 319/-. Mill Shares were quiet.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1071 4
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	299 0
Swadeshi Mills (12-4)	274 0
Central India Mills (6)	254 8
Simplex Mills (9-8) XD	207 0
New Great Eastern (8)	165 0
Indore (8-8)	133 12
Gokak Mills (12)	272 0
Century Spinning (15)	245 0
Sw'a Mills (20)	317 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	147 0
Finlay Mills (15)	270 0
Morarji Goculdas (S) 7d	442 8
Edward Sassoon (30)	237 8
Meyer (12	112 8
Apollo Mills (As 4)	2 15
India United Ord. (0-13-0)	12 3
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 15 9
Ma[illegible]an Mills (15)	176
Podar (S)	146 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	186 4
Swadeshi Coupon	67 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	319 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1556 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	138 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	153 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-3)	358 12
Belapur Sugar (9)	230 0
S[illegible] Syndicate (1-8)	35
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14 10
Premier Construction	97 8
Tata Chemical	13 9
Tata Oil (2)	52 8
Indian Iron (As. 12)	30 13
Bengal Steel (0-12)	23 8
British Indian Corp. (0-9)	9 3
Indian Copper	2 6 3
Wimco	210 0
Alcock	290 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1498 12
Andhra Valley (25)	1420 0
Tata Hydro (3)	153 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 0
Phoenix (50)	136 4
Indian Mfg.	2920
Kuria XD	125
Colaba (12)	119 8
New City (11)	185
Minerva (12)	140
Bradbury (12)	530
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	
Bharat Mills (2)	37 0
Mysore (4)	182 8
Model Mills (12-8)	178 12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	688 12
Vishnu Cotton (8)	228 12
Western India (40)	2925
Standard (15)	227 8
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000
Tata Mills (2-4)	55 8
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240
New Ahmedabad	195
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35
Shinivas Mills (S)	171 4
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	130 0
Ahmedabad New	76 0
Surat Electric	131 4
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	141 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	85 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1800 0
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	443 12
Central Bank (1-8)	83 8
Central Bank New (1-8)	84 0
Bank of India (4)	177 0
Union (0.3)	7 3
Baroda (2-8)	123 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	41 0
United Commercial (1-8)	50 8
Jupur Bank (1-5)	35 8
Hindustan Commercia.	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4250
Empire (10)	541 4
New India (1-7)	61 0
Jupiter (0-12)	13 0
Vulcan (0-10)	12 0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	14 10
Industrial and Prudential	26 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	14 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P. (1-14) XD	113 8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (103)	232 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	126 4
Burma Petrol	1 5 9
Mackenzie (6)	77 8
Port Canning (3)	61 0
Kemp and Co. (30)	362 8
Kanga Pharmacy (7)	125
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	88 0
Dharamsey Chemical (3)	40 0
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16 0
Alembic (15)	148 12
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	145 0
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	28 0
Estrella Batteries	30 8
Mahmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	56 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	200 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1240 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305
Hydro Electric (7)	128 12
Bombay Steamer (6)	220
Central India (5)	655 0
Swedeshi Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650 0
Lakshmi Mills	267 8
Khatau	100 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220
Podar Mills (4)	105 10
Shrinivas Mills	98
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130
Pre Construction First	100 8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	97
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	130 0
Walchandnager	130
Jupiter	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	110 0
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mill	60 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 12
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	70 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 6
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 8
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 13
New Victoria	2 4
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4 4
Palton (8)	120 0
Gold Mohor	302 8
New Kaiser Hind	305 0
Sajjan Mills X.D	145 0
Osmanshahi (16)	250 0
Azamshahi	280 0
Air India Tata	67 0
Hind Motors	5 4
Indian Steam	8 0

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The local bullion market was steady today with improved buying influenced by reports that the Bank is not likely to sell any gold or silver in the near future.

Posh delivery silver opened at Rs. 172/8 and advanced at Rs. 172/14 on moderate buying by professional operators. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 172/6. Posh delivery gold opened at Rs 113/8 and advanced at Rs. 113/14. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 114/4 and sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76.

Later on there was active liquidation in Silver which declined at Rs. 170/6. Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	170 0 0
Posh Delivery	170 8 0
Ready Gold	113 12 0
Posh delivery	113 7 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May delivery is 1384 cent points below New York May contract.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 21

The local Produce market was again steady with active support from Bulls in Groundnuts. There was further improvement in forward quotations of oil. Linseed was also steady. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Quality Receipts	36 14 0
Bold Ready	36 2 0
Bold January	36 7 0
Oil Bombay Mills	20 8 0
Oil Up-country Mills	20 4 0
Oil January	20 7 0
Oil February	20 11 0
LINSEED—	
Indore	35 10 0
Bold	35 6 0
Feb-Mar.	34 6 0
March-April	33 14 0
April-May	33 6 0
Oil.	21 2 0
CASTORSEED—	
January Delivery	24 8 0
Ready	24 10 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98 14 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 4 0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 11 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96 10 0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99 10 0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 2 0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96 0 0
3 per cent Con	97 13 6
3 per cent 1951-54	101 12 0
3 per cent 1952-55	102 0 0
3 per cent 1957	101 12 0
3 per cent 1959-61	101 5 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100 6 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100 5 0
3 per cent 1970-75	100 2 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 8 0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110 4 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101 12 0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110 8 0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113 0 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99 4 0
2 3/4 per cent C.P 1961	97 1 0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97 1 0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 8 4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 4 0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99 0 0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 6 0
3 per cent U P 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98 2
3 per cent U P 1961-68	99 12 0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99 0 0
4 per cent B P T long dated	109 12 0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109 8 0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni 1959	114 0 0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113 8 0
6 per cent K. P. I 1956	113 12 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Tata Ordinary 319-8, Tata Deferred 1556-4, Indian Iron 30-13, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 23-8, Bombay Dyeing 1071-4, Central India 254-6, Gokak 272-8, Kohinoor 299-6, Simplex 207, Swadeshi 274-6, Tata Power 1498-12, Associated Cement 153-12, Belapur 230, Bombay Burma (Old) 368-12, Scindia 14-10, Central Bank 83-8, New India 61, Tata 2nd Pref. 138.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. One crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 20th December. Total amount offered was Rs 80,50,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-0 were accepted in full. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 75,50,000 the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-8-0 per cent per annum.

During the week ended the 16th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 11,92,25,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

MILS

Apollo 2/15 2/15/9 2/14 2/15/6 2/15
B Dying 1082/8 71/4 75 70 73/12 71/4
C. India 257 53 57 54/8
Century 245 46/4 45
Colaba 120 20/8 19/8
E. Textiles 240 37/8
Elphinstone Ord. 61
Finlay 275/8 70
Gokak 277 73 74 72
I. U. Defd 1/15/9 1/15 1/15/6
I. U. Ord. 12/5 12/1/6 12/3
Indore 135 36/4 33/12 35 32/8 35 33/12
Kohinoor 305 299 301/8 299
Madhusudan 175
Meyer 112/8
Morarji 440 42/8
New Great 165 66 65
Podar 145 46/4
Shrinivas 172/8 70 71/4
Simplex 209 6 7
Svadeshi 279 72/8 74
Swan 317
Tata Mills 56 55/8
Vishnu 228/12
B Steam 230 32/8
Scindia 14/14 14/9 14/11 14/10
Baroda 123
Central 84/8 83/8
Central New 84
Imperial Old 1805 1800
Imperial New 443/12
India 177/8 76 77
Union 7/2 7/3
U. Commercial 50/8
Ahmedabad 130
Andhra 1420
Suburban 151/4 50/10 53/12 51/4 (Ex Div)
Surat 131/4
Hydro 153
Power 1492/8 98/12
Power Pref. 1312/8
New 61/8 61
B. Steel 23/8 23/9 23/3 23/8
I. Iron 30/8 30/9 30/6 30/12
Tata Defd. 1565 42/8 60 56/4
Tata Ord. 320 20/8 17 20 19/8
Tata IInd Pref. 138/8 38/12
Alcock 290 93/12 88/12 90
A.C.C. 153/8 55 53 53/12
Belapur 233 28 31 27 30
B.B. Old 365 56/4 60 58/12
B.B. New 123/2 26/4
B.B. Petrol 1/6/6 1/5/9
B.I.C. 9/2/6 9/3/6 9/3
Dharamsey 40
I. Bleaching 147
I. Copper 2/6/3
P. Const. 100/8 97 98 97
Shivraipur 34/4 35
Tata Chem. 13/11 13/9
Tata Oil 53/8 54 52/8
Wimco 212/8 10

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 76
Madhawji Conversion 280
Shapoorji Conversion 180

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

B. C. Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready

B. C. Rates I. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. I D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Guying D.D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B C Rate T. T. Rs 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 4293/4.

Banks Buying D D Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T. I. Fcs 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs 7500

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. I D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T D D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T D. D Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 238 3/4

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London-Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4 London Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65. London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs 139.90-140.10 London Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16. London/Iran Cross Rate Rl 90.20 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65 London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1-84 2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4 London New York Cross Rate 52.79 7/8-2.80 1/8 London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr 19.98-20.02 London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K 141 London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50 London Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

London Discts 4 Mos 5/8 p.c
London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos 1 per cent. 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent. 12 Mos 1-1/2 per cent
Tone: Easy.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is the account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 16th day of December:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	8,79,59,000
Notes in circulation	10,99,84,11,000
Total Notes issued	11,08,63,70,000
Total Liabilities	11,08,63,70,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	6,00,34,38,000
Rupee Coin	53,04,86,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	4,15,22,75,000
Total Assets	11,08,63,70,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 57.761 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	1,44,26,96,000
(2) Other Governments	19,74,66,000
(b) Banks	76,48,00,000
(c) Others	65,80,16,000
Bills Payable	5,42,12,000
Other Liabilities	10,42,68,000
Rupees	3,32,14,58,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	8,79,59,000
Rupee Coin	11,85,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,38,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	41,18,000
Government Treasury Bills	5,02,33,000
Balances held abroad	2,10,79,91,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	3,70,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	8,45,05,000
Investments	90,57,99,000
Other Assets	4,25,30,000
Rupees	3,32,14,58,000

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

120 Ready Japan	4 12 0
150 Ready Japan	4 4 0
120 Ready Italy	4 8 6
150 Ready Italy	4 3 0
150 D. Box Dec. opening	858 0 0
150 D. Box Dec. Highest	862 0 0
150 D. Box Dec. Lowest	835 0 0
150 D. Box Dec. Close	839 0 0
150 D. Box Jan. Close	845 0 0

CALCUTTA SHARE BAZAR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The market closed firm for the speculative stocks while other shares remained steady and unchanged.

The rooms of the Calcutta Stock Exchange was closed today at 2-00 p.m. as a mark of respect to the death of Sri Radha Kishan Mohta, a member of the Stock Exchange Association.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-00 p.m.:

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 98/-, 3 per cent loan 1963/65 100/6 sl. 3 per cent loan 1970/75 99/14.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 7/2, Central Bank 82/- s o lot, Hindustan Commercial 23/-, Hindustan Mercantile 20/-, Imperial Bank fully paid 1784/- ct, Ditto Conty. 432/- ct,

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textile 10/7, Basanti 7/-.

COALS: Bengal 505/-, Burrakur 12/11, Central India 4/12, Kalapahari 33/8, Pench Valley 21/6, Sendra 9/14, South Karanpura 29/8 ct, Standard 20/12, West Jamuria 47/-.

JUTES: Anglo India 188/-, Bally 220/-, Barnagore 215/-, Belvedere 247/-, Cheviot 232/-, Budge Budge 162/-, Fort Gloster 330/-, Gourepore 482/-, Howrah 27/2, India 140/-, Kinnison 172/-, Lawrance 170/-, Orient 210/-.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite and Co. 7/14, Indian Iron 29/11, Kumaradhubi Eng. 8/2, Marshalls 6/5, Steel Corp. 23/6, Ditto Pref. 123/-, Textile Machinery 7/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Indian Copper 2/6, Karanpura Development 20/8, Alkali and Chemical 10/12, Calcutta Electric 15/11, Angelo Bros. 25/8, BIC 9/2, F and C Osler 5/12, Indian National Airways 3/1, Indian Wood Products 26/14, Jardine Henderson 141/-, Rohtas Industry 5/2, British Burma Petrol 1/6, India Paper Pulp 168/- s lot, Titaghur Paper 34/12, Midnapore Zemindary 64/-, Assam Saws 8/8, India General Navgn. 98/-, India Steamship 8/-.

SUGARS: Belsund 4/10, Buland 15/4, Carew and Co. 9/12, Champaran 23/8, Darbhanga 10/6, New Sagan 7/-, Raza 17/4.

TEAS: Banarhat 280/-, Bormahajan 12/10, Chamong 11/4, East India 17/14, Gillapukhuri 17/-, Ranicherra 6/4, Tezpur 22/-.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec. 21.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:

GOVERNMENT LOANS: 3 per cent Paper 97/8, Do. 3 per cent 1986 97/14, Do 1970/75 100/1, Government of Travancore loan 3 per cent 1952/54 100/12, Government of Madras loan 3 per cent 1960 100/1/6.

BANKS: Travancore 13/6.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 2/-, Blue Mountain 2/7, Chembra 4/14, Devashola 13/12. Midland 4/5, Nelliampathy 1/3, Ouchterlony 5/14, Pullangode 1/3, Thirumbadi 1/15-6, T R and T Co. 5/8, Vaikundam 5/8.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 155, Do. Pref. 189, Cambodia 11/-, Coimbatore CM 130/-, Do. Pioneer 111/-, Do. Spg. 50/-, Laksmni 67 RA., Madura 38/12, Mettur 320, Radhakrishna 155, Rajalakshmi 65, Ranga Vilas 50, Trav. Rayons 4/5, Trichinopoly. 9/14.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 65 F A C T 4/9, India Cement 17/12, Mettur Chem. 5/10, Mysore Chem. Fert. 7/8.

REORGANISATION OF THE OILSEEDS MARKET

In an interview to the press Mr. Ramdeo Podar, President, Provisional Committee of the proposed Bombay Oilseeds Exchange Ltd., said that the trade, being impatient with waiting for a long time, is naturally anxious to resume its activities as early as possible and the Provisional Committee fully realize that any avoidable delay on the part of any one, would add to the hardships suffered by their own brethern particularly the middle class people.

In view of the above the Committee is going ahead with the work entrusted to them by Government. As a matter of fact, it has started functioning only recently after the clarification by Government on 10-12-49 about certain points in their Press Communique dated 14-11-49, which should set at rest all controversies. Since then we have invited membership forms of the proposed Oilseeds Exchange Ltd., by 30-12-49 and by-laws are also being drafted. After the membership forms are duly received from the members of the existing bodies in the trade, arrangement will have to be made for holding the election of the New Board. For this purpose we are awaiting the ratification of the approved constitution by the Seeds Traders' Association Ltd., whose Board accepted the terms and conditions specified in the Government Press Communique, nearly a month ago. To my knowledge, however the date of the General Meeting has not yet been fixed for adopting the constitution approved by Government.

At this stage it cannot be stated with certainty when the trading would actually commence. It is again not possible for me to say whether the facilities for trading would be provided at one or more than one places and in what kinds of oilseeds. But I hope that the new Board of the Bombay Oilseeds Exchange Ltd., would consider these and other questions promtly as soon as it is formed and gets the recognition. This Committee will continue to function till then and make every effort to keep the requisite machinery for trading ready, so as to achieve the common object of reeiving the hardships of the people employed in the oilseeds trade.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 20.

2-12% British Consols	£70-1/8
3-1/2% Conversion Loan 1961	£93-3/8
4% Funding Loan 1960-90	£106-3/4
3-1/2% War Loan on or after 1-12-49	92-1/4
Chartered Bank of India	£10-3/16
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	£95-1/2
National Bank of India	£33-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,151.

NEW YORK COTTON

Trade Buying And Short Covering

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Prices declined slightly on hedge presure and New Orleans selling which encountered less persistent mill offtake evidently reflecting quieter conditions in the Worth Street textile market and a slackening in demand for spot cotton. Some selling of new crops was partly influenced bfiy the farm legislation and acreage uncertainties next year with the latter due to producer complaints over the individual acreage allotments. Prices latterly rallied reflecting small routine trade buying and covering by earlier sellers which disclosed a limited volume of hedges Otherwise no fresh developments occurred. The market closed steady with sales estimated at 100,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTON

March	30.56+04
May	30.34+03
July	29.73+03
October	28.31+04
December	28.20+05
Middling spot	31.26+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	30.53+05
May	30.33+06
July	29.66+06
October	28.24—03
Middling spot	30.10+05

NEW YORK COTTON: March Highest 30.59 at 14.48 Lowest 30.45 at 10.15 hours.

AMERICAN COTTON GINNING REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

The Bureau of the Census of the Dept. of Commerce issued ginnings prior to 13th December 14,716,000 running bales.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 20.

KARNAK:	
January	78.15—170
March	78.25—175
May	78.10—260
ASHMOUNI:	
December	76.60—110
February	76.50— 90
April	75.30— 75

WALL STREET MARKET

Modest Profit-Taking And Tax Selling

Prices dipped slightly this morning under a modest amount of profittaking and year-end tax selling but the undertone appeared very steady. Irregularly lower tendencies prevailed at noon—mainly fractional—including leading steels, chemicals, oils, rails and minings. The averages were industrials 197.30 and rails 51.22. More from lack of interest than any new material pressure, prices during the afternoon showed a fair profusion of losses ranging upto one dollar. Preholiday considerations were more to the fore and a continuation of consolidation forces is expected in the remainder of this week. Late trading produced few changes and the close was barely steady.

American Telegraph and Teuephone	146
Amerex Holding Co.	32
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1/8
Chase National Bank	35-1/4
Firestone Tyre	50-3/4
General Electric	41-1/4
General Motors	69-3/8
Ingersoll Rand	67-3/4
International Nickel of Canada "A"	27-1/8
National Bank of New York	44-1/4
New York Central Railroad	10-5-/8
Sinclair Corporation	23-1/4
Socony Vacuum Oil	17
Tsxas Corporation	61-3/4
Union Carbide	44-1/8
U.S. Smelting and Refining	38
U.S. Steel Common	25-7/8
Western Union "A"	20-1/2

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 1,300,000. Highest and lowest U.S. steel trading prices 26 and 25-3/4 respectively.

Nervous Fluctuations In Chicago Grains

CHICAGO, Dec 20: Prices fluctuated nervously with most interest centered in final disposition of December contracts where in trading ceases after the close today. Scattered selling in maize was based on the higher than expected government production estimate but the declines were cushioned by small receipts and buying by export interests. Deferred wheat contracts attracted support on forecast of a coldwave over the Northcentral and Northwestern states.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	2. 21-1/2
May	2. 13-7/8
March	2. 19-3/4
July	1. 95-1/2

level

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Dec 20: The bourse took a more optimistic view of the domestic political situation and several sections scored recoveries Domestics were aided by Swiss buying South African golds and oils were also better. Rentes were generally steady.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20: The Stock market was heavy although there were occasional bright spot such as rubbers and electricities Coals lost ground under profittaking, while colonials were irregular within narrow limits

AMSTERDAM, Dec 20: Quietness returned and prices followed a slowly declining trend under moderate profittaking Plantations were steady with only minor price changes but shippings displayed some irregularity.

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK Dec 20: Sales continued at a seasonally low level and about 25,000 ounces were sold at unchanged

CENTRAL TRANSPORT BOARD MEETS

Iron And Steel Movement Satisfactory

NEW DELHI, December 21.

During the first ten months of this year nearly 7¼ lakh tons of iron and steel, representing a substantial quantity in excess of production during the same period, were moved from the factories by the Indian Railways. This satisfactory movement position was revealed at the quarterly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Central Board of Transport which was held in New Delhi today with Mr. Y. N. Sukhthankar, I.C.S., Secretary, Ministry of Transport, in the chair.

The total despatches of iron and steel during the first ten months from January to October 1949 by the rail ways were 7,22,878 tons. The production during the same period was 6,45,600 tons of steel and 57,463 tons of pig iron, making up a total of 7,03,069 tons. The excess despatch over production would indicate that in addition to movement of the entire current production, stocks left with the factories were also moved to the extent of 19,810 tons.

The Chairman informed the conference that the movement position in the last quarter of 1949 was satisfactory and the demand for wagons had been met 100 per cent. The wagon requirements of the period, both for raw materials for iron and steel as well for the finished products, were 80,316.

The Committee approved the movement programme for the first quarter of the next year

Standards For Lac

NEW DELHI, December 21.

India produces 90 per cent of the world's output of lac and lac products. During the past few decades progressively increasing quantities of seedlac have been exported from India to U.S.A. and Europe. In order to ensure the production of standard materials both for export and for consumption at home, the Indian Standards Institution has prepared three tentative Indian standards dealing with seedlac shellac and dry bleached shellac.

Goods Train Derailed: Mails Detoured

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.): Owing to the derailment of a goods train between Itasri and Bhusaval, on the G.I.P. Railway, the Up and Down Bombay mails of the East Indian Railway are being run between Itarsi and Bhusaval via Nagpur, states a press note issued by the Public Relations Officer, Calcutta Railways.

The Down E. I. R. Bombay Mail which was due to arrive at Howrah this afternoon is running considerably late.

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 21.

Cotton Sind NT 74-1 Punjab 289-F 79, Four-F 73-12. Steadier owing fresh enquiry from Hongkong.

Yesterday's business 5000 bales. Arrivals 14350, Exports 4475 for Havre, Liverpool and Hongkong.

Local stocks about 150000 against 225000 year ago. Most of these earmarked for export.

Cottonseeds NT ready 5-6. January 5-7-6. Steady.

Gold 98-8. Sovereigns 64-8. Steady.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD Dec. 21.

Local textiles observed a further set back and closed with some bearish sentiment.

FLUCTUATIONS: Calico opened 274, lowest 269-12

Arvind opened 764 lowest 755.

Ambica opened 349, lowest 345-8.

Deferred opened 1557 lowest 1544, highest 1564.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Calico 271-4, Arvind 760, Ambica 347, Deferred 1563, Ashok 341-4, Commercial 540, Raipur 752-8, Rohit 102-8, Atul 39.

Indore Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

INDORE CITY, Dec. 21.

Today's closing quotations on Indore Stock Exchange were as follows:—

Dash Indore-Malva 131, Hukamchand Mill 500, Bhandari Mill 703, Vinod Mill 370, Kalyanmal Mill 80, Kalyanmal Pref. 90, Rajkumar Mill 133, Indore Bank 60.

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News BRIEFS

ENQUIRY

The West Bengal Government proposes to hold a family budget enquiry in Calcutta with a view to effecting necessary corrections to the cost of living indices.

PRELUDE

Prime Minister Clement Attlee held a meeting of Ministers in London on Wednesday to complete the British delegation arrangements for the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference which opens in Ceylon on January 9.

ELECTED

Maulana Azad has been elected unanimously as a correspondent member of the Iraqi Scientific Academy. Established on November 26, 1947, the Academy is one of the three academies of Arabia.

STOP

The Jaipur Municipal Council has decided to stop playing of men-driven cycle rickshaws in the city.

HARTAL

Simla observed hartal on Wednesday as a protest against the Hindu Code Bill. A public meeting was also arranged in the evening to voice citizens' feelings over the Bill.

HISTORIANS

Cuttack will be the venue of a large gathering of historians, archivists and antiquarians when the Indian Historical Records Commission holds its twenty-sixth session there on December 24 and 25. The session will be inaugurated by Mr. Asaf Ali, Governor of Orissa.

ELECTIONS

The Madras Government has decided to hold elections on January 12 for the vacancies in the Indian Parliament from the Province resulting from the abolition of dual membership. Twenty seats will have to be filled.

MISSION

Do Hung, informal envoy of Bao Dai, head of the state of Viet-Nam, left Saigon for New Delhi on Wednesday to contact Indian officials in readiness for a Viet-Namese "courtesy mission" to India.

JUDGE

The Kashmir Government has appointed a special judge and instituted a special squad of police to counter the blackmarket.

MALNUTRITION IN MADH CAMP

Refugees Ask Nehru For Donation

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Sindh Hindu Seva Samiti of Bombay has appealed to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, for a donation "for the suffering refugees in Madh camp near Bombay".

The General Secretary of the Samiti told the press here today that the rate of mortality in the Madh camp due to malnutrition had increased five times during the past year.

He said that during the past three months about 125 persons died per month as against 25 in the corresponding period last year.

Menon Meets Attlee

LONDON, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India, saw Prime Minister Attlee this morning. The visit was described at the Indian Embassy as a "routine" one.

According to present plans, Mr Menon will be leaving by air for India on December 25.

Malayan Guerillas Kill Nine

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Malayan guerillas have killed nine people (including three British soldiers) and wounded 20 (including five British soldiers) in four ambushes in the past 24 hours. In one ambush today, six miles east of Seremban, two of the British soldiers were killed and five seriously wounded. In all the attacks one guerilla was killed and five wounded, one of whom was captured.

ACTION CONDUCIVE TO DISRUPTION

Congress Executive On Karnatak Resignations

NEW DELHI, December 21, (PTI-Reuter): The Congress Working Committee which concluded its two day sitting here this morning characterised the action of the Council of Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee as "improper in the circumstances and conducive to disruption of the Congress."

The Committee turned down the request of the K.P.C.C. for permission to its members to resign which it said could only be interpreted as a "threat against the Working Committee's decisions."

Holding that the resolution of the K.P.C.C. was the result of an "unwise and unthinking consideration of the subject," the Committee did not consider it necessary to take any further action in this matter.

In another resolution the Working Committee felt that it was outside the line of feasibility and propriety to consider a constitutional change of the magnitude at this stage as the formation of the Karnataka province. The formation of a province the resolution, said was intimately associated with the future of Mysore and it raised constitutional and other questions of importance and complexity which could not be solved without the approval of the great majority of the people concerned.

The Committee met at 8/30 a. m. at the residence of Sardar Patel. Fourteen members attended the meeting, the absentees being Mr. P. C. Ghosh, Mr. Kamraja Nadar, Mrs. Suchita Kripalani, Kala Venkatarao, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

The meeting, which lasted for two hours, discussed the Karnataka question only.

The Committee is likely to meet on January 17 when it is expected to take up the question of choice of the first president of the Indian Republic.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution adopted by the Working Committee:—

"The Working Committee considered the resolution of the Karnataka P.C.C. and of the Council of the Karnataka P.C.C., in regard to the formation of the Karnataka province. The committee have clearly declared on a previous occasion the considerations that should guide the division of existing provinces or the formation of a new province.

While the committee have recognised in the past the widespread sentiment of the Karnataka people for a province of their own and the validity of such a proposal, no such province can be formed unless the aforesaid considerations are satisfied. In particular the proposal to form Karnataka province is now intimately associated with the future of Mysore and this raises constitutional and other questions of importance and complexity, which cannot be solved without the fullest consideration and the approval of the great majority of the people concerned.

"Further, in view of the vital change in the status of India and the inauguration of the new constitution within less than five weeks from now, it is outside the range of feasibility or propriety to consider a constitutional change of this magnitude at this stage.

UNWISE

"The Working Committee have learnt with regret of the action taken by the Council of the Karnataka P.C.C. in suggesting the resignation of Karnataka members from the provincial legislature and accordingly that some such members have sought permission to offer their resignations and given publicity to this fact. The Committee consider this action of the P.C.C. Council as improper in the circumstances and conducive to disruption of the Congress.

"It is always open to a P.C.C. or its executive to make representations of its views to the Working Committee. But it is improper to accompany such representations with action which is meant to be coercive and which places the members concerned in a false and embarrassing position, leading to a step which may be a breach of the Congress discipline and injurious to national interest.

"The committee are not prepared to consider any request of this kind for resignation, which can only be interpreted as a threat or as an indication of displeasure against the Working Committee's decisions.

"The committee presume that the resolution of the Karnataka P. C. C. Council and the offer of resignations that has followed from it are the results of an unwise and unthinking consideration of the subject under stress of high sentiment.

On a calmer consideration, these decisions will no doubt be regretted. The committee, therefore, do not consider it necessary to take any further action in this matter".

ANDHRA BEFORE JANUARY 26

Kala Venkata Rao On Probability

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (PTI): Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, General Secretary of the Congress, who has arrived here to attend the meetings of the Andhra Province Partition Committee, declared today: "I feel certain that the odds are in favour of the Andhra Province coming into being before January 26 than otherwise".

The General Secretary characterised as "false and incorrect" a Delhi report in the local press that certain gentlemen in Delhi were obstructing the formation of the Andhra Province on January 26 along with the India. Indian Republic.

"I am certain that, with the goodwill with which the Madras Government and the Government of India are dealing with this question, it is not only probable, but really possible to bring about the inauguration of the Province along with the Indian Republic".

COMMONWEALTH TO RECOGNISE REDS

Announcement Soon

LONDON, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Britain, together with most of the Commonwealth Governments, will recognise the Communist Government of China early in the new year, according to usually reliable sources here.

Following last week's approval by the British Cabinet of the policy of early recognition, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, consulted the other Commonwealth powers and is now believed to have fixed a hard date in the first week of January.

India is still expected to publish her recognition in advance of the other Commonwealth powers.

Australia, as a result of the recent change of Government, may well prefer to delay her recognition until shortly after Britain.

FRENCH MOVE

PARIS: The French National Assembly Foreign Committee today rejected by 22 votes to 14 a Communist resolution asking for immediate French recognition of Mao Tse-tung's Chinese People's Republic. M. Lambert Saravane, Deputy for French India, also declared himself in favour of immediate recognition.

By 23 votes (Socialists, Popular Republican and Radical) to 14 (Communist and Lambert Saravane) the Foreign Committee adopted a resolution relying upon the French Government "to take steps in due time for a possible recognition of the Chinese popular Republic".

Jamaica's Election

KINGSTON, Dec. 21 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Latest returns in Jamaica's general election, showed that Mr. Norman Stanley's People's National Party (Socialist) had eleven seats compared with nine for Mr. Alexander Bustamante's Jamaican Labour Party.

U. S. SEAPLANE TENDER IN BOMBAY

The seaplane tender U.S.S. "VALCOUR" arrived in Bombay on Wednesday on a six-day visit. Under the command of Captain J. C. Howell, U.S.N., the ship has a complement of 12 other officers and nearly 200 enlisted men. Also aboard is Commodore K. G. Hensel, U.S.N. (right) Commander of United States naval forces in the Middle East

U. S. ADHERES TO NO "POWER BLOC"

Ambassador Says Alliances Aimed Against Aggression

NEW DELHI, December 21 (U.P.I.).

A CATEGORICAL denial that the United States adheres to what is called a "power bloc" was made by the American Ambassador to India, Mr. Loy W. Henderson, addressing the Foreign Relations Society here this evening.

Only if the term "power bloc" could be defined to mean "the co-operation of nations of goodwill for the purpose of discouraging aggression" could the United States be said to belong to such a bloc, he said.

The Ambassador declared: "It is true that the United States looks toward other members of goodwill of the United Nations for co-operation in discouraging aggression. It seeks this co-operation in the spirit of the charter of the United Nations in order to strengthen the principles on which the United Nations is based."

"The kind of a decision which from our point of view would be most immoral 'Ambassador Henderson said,' would be for the United States, in an endeavour to come to terms with aggressors, to agree to leave small and defenseless nations to their mercy. It was not only be immoral, but foolish, since the guilty and uneasy peace which might follow would in any event be short lived."

NO PRESSURE

Stressing the fact that the visit to America of Prime Minister Nehru achieved "notable progress" in the promotion of better understanding between India and the U.S.A., Ambassador Henderson also said that the visit "helped to demonstrate the need for strengthening our understanding of each other."

"I have been somewhat impressed," he said, "at the lack of understanding of the United States Government and people exhibited by certain elements in India which seemed to have a genuine apprehension lest the United States take advantage of the presence of its distinguished guest to prevail upon the Government of India to alter various of its foreign or domestic policies."

"This apprehension was apparently so deep, that your Prime Minister has found it necessary on a number of occasions to deny that while in the United States he had entered into any kind of a secret deal or had made any agreement behind the scenes.

NO PERSUASION

"On behalf of the United States, I would like to add to these statements of the Prime Minister that in inviting him to be its guest, there had never been any intention on the part of my Government to abuse its hospitality by endeavouring to persuade him that India should alter any of its policies or should form any ties or commitments."

He said that some felt that the United States "is devoting too much of its means and energies to combating Communism". He asserted that "the people of the United States do not conceive that their efforts are directed to the combating of a mere ideology. It is their belief, that they are earnestly striving to eliminate aggression among nations and to discourage the deprivation by force of the liberty of peaceful peoples and the imposition upon them of a way of life repugnant to them."

NO DIVERGENCE

The Ambassador also pointed out that the fancied divergency between the policies of the United States and India did not really exist. The idea that there is such a divergence, he said, "seems to us to be based on a misunderstanding of what the United States is trying to do, and is doing, and upon the hopes and ideals of America's people, themselves".

"I should like to stress" he said, "that from the American point of view the United States follows a policy identical with that espoused by our Indian friends, namely, the making of decisions with regard to international problems on the merits of each problem".

Regarding to "misapprehension" concerning America's assistance programmes, the Ambassador said, "few Americans would accept the thesis, that the United States is more interested in preparing for war than in relieving the distress of suffering people, throughout the world.

They do not see how anyone who makes a really serious study of what has taken place since 1945 can fail to realise that never in history has any country opened its stores and its coffers to assist suffering peoples in other countries to a greater extent than has the United States".

The judgement displayed by the United States in making its allocation of available resources where in its opinion, they would be most effective in attaining the objective of bringing about a stable, prosperous and progressive world society "may be open to question" the Ambassador asserted. "But not the motives."

STALIN

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Theatre Association and the All-India Progressive Writers' Association.

London Press Comments

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Without any doubt, Marshal Stalin has acquired some features of God, says The Manchester Guardian in an editorial today. In the past, Stalin had forbidden any public celebration of his birthday, treating Stalin-worship, long common in Russia, with scepticism. He always deprecated the misguided practice of unnecessary and meaningless salutation of party leaders.

Writing under the heading "The Man of Steel", The Times gives a detailed biographical story of Stalin, pointing out that before the war "almost every adulatory word in the rich Russian language had been applied to him," adding that "today messages of veneration go streaming into Moscow not simply from Russia but from all parts of the Communist Empire. Poland, Albania, China and Korea send variations of the one theme 'Glory to Stalin, our father and friend, our guide and teacher'."

M. Stalin, says The Times, has often been compared to the Tsars and more closely likened to Emperor Augustus, but "people of the Western world may wonder once again what is the secret of this man who is at once so well and so little known. Even when all propaganda is set aside, his work is prodigious by any standard of measurement. More than any other man of modern times, he has changed the balance of force in the world. Under his compulsion, Russia has emerged like a new continent."

NO MORE PRIVILEGED CLASS IN PAKISTAN

Bill For Parliament

(From Our Correspondent).

KARACHI, Dec. 21: As many as 30 Official Bills have been put on the Order Paper for the forthcoming session of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly (Legislative) commencing here on 22nd December.

One of these Bills seeks to prohibit the name, title and semblance of the late Quaid-e-Azam Mohomedali Jinnah in the names of Companies and in Trade Marks.

By another Bill, all discriminatory privileges at present enjoyed by Europeans and Americans in Pakistan under the Criminal Law are proposed to be withdrawn so that all citizens of Pakistan with any Nationality are to be treated at par with each other.

Postmen's Union Calls Executive Meeting

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (UPI).—The General Secretary of the All-India Postmen's Union has telegraphically requested Mr. Jayaprakash, President of the Union, to call an emergent meeting of the Executive Council of the All-India Union to discuss the situation, arising out of Government's refusal to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee and to implement its pledge in regard to payment of strike days' pay.

Application of the Rules for Licensing and Controlling Theatres and Other Places of Public Amusement to the Sabarkantha district has been sanctioned by the Government.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I am not one of those who feel every now and then that the world is going to the dogs and that the younger generation is fast deteriorating. I have seen the worst of mine and it is fairly hard to beat. But I must say I have been listening in the past week to a lot of stories which give sufficient cause for disquiet.

The first of these is the well publicized tale of cricket enthusiasts who used orange and banana skins to express their feelings and even at times spat at the fielders, when they were from the Commonwealth side. I know it is difficult to keep still when some twenty-two fellows are chasing a ball but it should not be impossible. Possibly we are getting more nation-conscious and our patriotism shows itself in this distorted way. But then it is time we grew up.

That was one swallow. The next was from a visitor who was bemoaning the manners of the present. The young fellows, he thought, were the worst. I know this is treading on dangerous ground but it is best that these suspicions are dragged out into the open. He went on to wonder whether the "intrusion of Sindhis and Multanis into the province" had resulted in a radical change in the character of the population. He was half-ashamed of this thought. What had provoked him was the increased molestation of women travelling alone on suburban trains. Some of the stories he gave were really revolting and, apart from exhibitionism, it was to be regretted that the rest of the people in the carriage seemed to be just watching, some of them even sniggering the while. As a joke I asked him if it could be that our young fellows are feeling frustrated; perhaps the old early marriage was not a bad thing. "God knows," he muttered.

It is something to be grateful for that the message-rate system has removed one nasty habit among us. The men who need to use the telephone to harass women whose names were on the subscribers' list, have been shaken off. This is no mean achievement. And much might be excused to the telephone.

CONSUL-GENERAL AT PONDICHERRY

S. K. Banerji To Succeed Baig

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Mr. S. K. Banerji, Deputy Secretary, Commerce Ministry, will succeed Mr. Rashid Ali Baig as India's Consul-General at Pondicherry, it was reliably learned. Mr. Banerji was formerly First Secretary to the Indian Embassy in Nepal.

Mr. Baig, it is understood, will go to Indonesia as Counsellor to the Indian Embassy. India's present Consulate-General in Indonesia will be raised to the status of an Embassy with the proclamation of the United States of Indonesia next week.

The appointment of Dr. P. Subbaroyan, formerly Home Minister in Madras, as India's first Ambassador to the United States of Indonesia is expected to be announced shortly.

MAINTAIN THE GOOD NAME OF SAROJINI DEVI

G.-G.'s Call To Hyderabad And Secunderabad

HYDERABAD, December 21 (P.T.I.).

MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI, Governor-General, today asked citizens of Hyderabad and Secunderabad to be proud of their two cities, and to maintain and conserve all that was good in the structure that had grown as a result of centuries of progress and civilization in them.

The Governor-General was replying to a civic address jointly presented to him in a beautiful casket by members of the Hyderabad and Secunderabad Municipalities at the historic Char Minor this morning.

The Governor-General also unveiled a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, a gift to the Municipality by one of its members, to be hung in the main hall of the Hyderabad Municipality.

Vast crowds, clamouring for the Governor-General's "darshan" choked the narrow streets radiating from the historic monument on all sides. They were held back by a strong police cordon around the Char Minor.

The Governor-General said on seeing Srimathi Padmaja Naidu, daughter of the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, at the gathering today, he remembered that nearly 34 years ago Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was a distinguished guest in Kanchipuram, the famous place of Hindu pilgrimage in South India, where they held a conference.

ARCHITECTURE AND MEN

Earlier, the Governor-General referred to the arrangements made for the meeting and said he was not pleased with them.

"Representatives of citizens surround me in such a manner that those whom they represent have not adequate opportunities to look at and understand the proceedings.

"Our architects have worked with bricks and cement, and under efficient bureaucratic administration they have risen to a high degree of skill in the architecture relating to buildings.

The architecture in relation to men and women has yet to be evolved. How to deal with men and women who have suddenly realised a new status is as difficult as to build a temple in modern times.

Governor-General Rajagopalachari said here today that when he retired he would write a book on "The Architecture of Public Meeting." The book would explain how to conduct a public meeting and among others how leaders and public men should go about.

Mr. Rajagopalachari was replying to a joint civic address presented to him by the Hyderabad and Secunderabad municipalities at a function with the arrangement of which, he remarked, he was "not pleased".

GANDHIJI CITED

The Governor-General referred to Mahatma Gandhi and asked: "Did anybody imagine he would be killed? We all thought he would die of old age and I was dreading that period of his life.

"Everywhere he was guarded. From his own private room inside a private house he went to a private prayer ground inside the compound of his friend's house and in between God called him away when he wanted. Therefore, there is nothing to be gained by too much protection", he added. yakhean shrdlu hrdlu shrdlu

MUTT AND JEFF—Mebby The Old Grey Mare Goes For Leap Year Stuff — By BUD FISHER

GEE UP, YOU! I GOTTA GET THIS COAL DELIVERED! GEE UP! GEE UP!
COME ON, YOU BLANKETY BLANK! GEE UP!
HERE, HERE! THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO A HORSE!
CECIL, DARLING, I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, BUT WOULD YOU MIND GOING IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE-
WELL, LADY--?

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